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GERMANY WORRIED BY LATEST TURN IN BALKANS SITUATION New Yugo-Slav Premier Forms His Cabinet



King Peter II of Yugo-Slavia, driving with Prince Regent Paul. The young King yesterday accomplished a coup when he assumed his royal powers and deposed the Prince Regent, following the latter's agreement of Yugo-Slavian adherence to the tri-Power pact with Germany.

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, MAR. 27 (UP).—IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT GERMANY HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED BELGRADE TO INDICATE IMMEDIATELY, WHETHER OR NOT YUGO-SLAVIA WILL ENDORSE THE TRI-POWER PACT.

Prince Peter Takes Over

BELGRADE, MAR. 27 (UP).—THE NEW GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER AUTHORITY AT 2 A.M. TO-DAY AND KING PETER II ASSUMED ROYAL POWER AT 3 A.M., WHEN HE ISSUED HIS PROCLAMATION. YUGO-SLAVIAN MOBILISATION HAS BEEN ACCELERATED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON.

THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN MINISTERS VISITED THE NEW GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING AND WERE INFORMED THAT YUGO-SLAVIA DESIRES TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AND ITALY.

The former Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Cvetkovitch and M. Cincar-Markovitch respectively, and other Government officials, were at first detained at the police station, but according to the latest reports they are now at General Staff Headquarters, and it is believed that they will be subjected to house detention.

At 8 a.m. King Peter drove through the city alone and was deliriously acclaimed. Many quarters asserted that it is perfectly obvious that the new Government is a spontaneous expression of the people's will, reacting to recent events.

The American and British flags were hung on buildings and one American flag, garlanded with flowers, was cheered lustily when carried through the streets.

Prince Paul left by train last night intending to go to his country estate near the German frontier, but he was stopped at Sisak near Zagreb and was turned back. He is now reported to be in the White Palace.

The "United Press" correspondent was telephoning this message to Zurich at 9.30 on Thursday night and the streets were still completely filled with people shouting "Down with the pact! Down with the Heineke! Down with Hitler!"

New Cabinet

BELGRADE, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—The new Cabinet has been completed by General Simovitch, with himself as Prime Minister.

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Matsuoka's Conference With Hitler Lasts Over Two Hours

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Hitler received Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in the new Chancellery, says the official German news agency.

Besides Herr von Ribbentrop, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), the German Ambassador in Tokyo (General Eugene Ott) and Herr Meissner, head of the Presidential Chancellery, were present.

Herr Doernberg, chief of the protocol, accompanied Mr Matsuoka from Bellevue Palace.

The agency adds that the Berlin population gave Mr Matsuoka an "enthusiastic reception." A Hitler bodyguard rendered military honours in the Hall of Honour in the Chancellery.

The meeting of Hitler and Mr Matsuoka lasted two and a half hours. According to the official German news agency, "all current questions were dealt with in an atmosphere of cordial friendship."

Confining War

After the meeting, a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said: "The principle of preventing an expansion of the war."

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Planes, Ships, Tanks To Flow To Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

ABOARD U.S.S. BENSON, Mar. 27 (UP).—President Roosevelt, aboard the Presidential yacht Patomac which is cruising in Florida waters, has signed the \$7,000,000,000 bill which will start a flow of war planes, ships, tanks, food and other materials to Britain and her Allies.

A military plane brought the bill to the yacht from Washington just before noon to-day. The

President's signature on the bill has released funds for a gigantic arms programme to transform the United States into an "arsenal for Democracy."

Defence officials are already working on schedules envisaging the production of 80,000 planes by the summer of 1943 and also the production of fleets of merchant ships and armaments, the quantity of which has exceeded the imagination of only a few months ago.

The Administration is arranging to create an over-all clearing house to handle the vast armaments needs for British-American accord. The Office of Production Management announced that the joint programme already totals \$39,177,800,000 while Britain has already placed \$3,111,000,000 worth of war orders in the United States. It is expected that when the programme is fully underway within a few months, it will be producing war equipment twice as fast as Germany and will be employing 5,000,000 more men within one year.

Possible First Action

The inter-Departmental group which is charged with the general direction of the Lend and Lease Bill are Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State; Colonel Henry Stimson, Secretary of War; Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy; Mr TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Mr Churchill Signs Leases Conceding Atlantic Bases

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—In a felicitous atmosphere, the Anglo-American agreement for leasing Atlantic bases to the United States was signed in the Cabinet Room, 10 Downing Street, this afternoon.

Mr Winston Churchill made a happy gesture to the American signatories by using four special fountain pens which were afterwards presented to Mr John G. Winant, the American Ambassador, and three colleagues as mementoes.

Each recipient's name was engraved on each pen.

Text Released

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The text of the Anglo-American Lease Bases agreement, signed to-day, was issued together with an official statement.

The statement says that the signing of the agreement, coming so soon after the signing of the Lend and

LATEST

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COURAGE OF BOY KING

Kept In Shadow

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The manly and courageous role played by the Boy King, Peter of Yugo-Slavia, has caused a fierce pride but not surprise among those in London who know him best.

Although kept in the shadow by the Regent, Prince Paul, and a group of pro-Axis politicians, the youthful monarch has watched events silently. He has not been a puppet in the recent dramatic events but has been quietly awaiting his hour.

Prophecy Fulfilled

The last diplomatic bag to reach London from Belgrade arrived here four weeks ago and contained a letter from King Peter to one of his most intimate confidants in London. It may now be revealed that in this letter the King wrote: "I am waiting for the day when Yugo-Slavia will decide against the Nazis so that I can take charge of the Army."

Within less than a month the Boy King's noble ambition has been fulfilled.

Coastal Raids On Britain

Daylight Activity

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal regions during daylight to-day is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Single aircraft this morning dropped bombs in a south-east coast town. Houses were damaged, but nobody was killed or seriously injured.

In the early afternoon an aircraft dropped bombs on a south coast district, causing a number of casualties, including several people killed, and damage to buildings.

General Strike In Syria

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—A general strike has broken out in many centres in Syria, says a Jerusalem dispatch to the Independent French agency.

Offices have been closed and traffic has been suspended in Damascus, Hama, Hama, Aleppo and other towns. It is stated, while military forces have been sent to Damascus and Aleppo.

Leaders of the "national bloc," who instigated the movement, claim a wide degree of autonomy for Syria and the calling of the national assembly.



BRITISH SEIZE KEREN & HARAR

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Two tremendous new successes by British Imperial armies in Africa were announced officially to-night.

The first is the capture of the mountain fortress of Keren, which was beleaguered for the past seven weeks and the fall of which no doubt seals the fate of Eritrea, if not also Abyssinia.

Hot-footed on this comes the second news—the capture of Harar, the second largest town in Abyssinia.

While part of the Imperial Army was sweeping up to grab Mussolini's eagle in Eritrea, another force was rushing forward with typical Wavell blitz speed into the heart of Abyssinia.

Only a few days ago, fighting was still taking place at Marda Pass which barred the route to Harar. To-day this town is in British hands.

One more prize remains to be taken before the Duce disappears from East Africa for good—Addis Ababa, on which British columns are advancing from all directions.

Official Communique
CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The capture of Keren and Harar is announced in a communique.

"Eritrea: After heavy fighting for nearly a fortnight under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and country, British and Indian troops, admirably supported by the R.A.F., have again defeated a numerically superior enemy force and occupied Keren."

"Abyssinia: Harar is in our hands."

Tons of Bombs Dropped
CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communique states that 120 tons of bombs were dropped on Keren by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days.

Enemy Fought Well
(BY "REUTER'S" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 27.—Italy's African Empire is now in the hands of General Sir Archibald Wavell and

IF NAZIS MAKE GAS ATTACKS

Britain Is Ready

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Government is taking steps to ensure that the whole population is in a full state of preparedness against gas attacks.

The Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, assured the House of Commons to-day that Britain will in no circumstances be the first to use gas, but the Germans' record showed that they would stop at nothing.

In reply to a question whether that statement meant that Britain would retaliate if the enemy used it first, Mr Morrison invited the House to draw their own conclusion from his words.

With the fall of Keren, he is free to fight another enemy.

The Italians fought at Keren as they had never fought before in the history of their race. They fought superbly—and now they have been beaten only because of the outstanding

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Envoy Predicts Total Victory for Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Speaking at a luncheon given by the British Employers Confederation to-day, Mr John Winant, the American Ambassador said he was of the opinion that under Mr Churchill's leadership, Britain will win a total victory.

"Strength of understanding and leadership is making itself felt more and more day by day. It has already enabled you to resist what no slave or regiment of people could ever resist. It will bring you total victory."

In reply, Mr Churchill expressed his pleasure at Mr Winant's presence in Britain, saying, "It gives us the feeling that all of President Roosevelt's men give, that they would be

shot stone dead rather than see this cause let down."

Mr Churchill also expressed his belief that Yugo-Slavia would repudiate the Axis pact and defend her frontiers against aggression. "I do not know what will happen, and one cannot be sure of anything. But I believe it reasonable to expect that we shall have a Government in Yugo-Slavia which will repudiate the pact which was signed the day before yesterday, and will be ready to defend the honour of its frontiers against aggression," he declared.

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Month's Record

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held on March 26, the Case Report showed that 260 new cases, involving 378 children, had attended the Society's Centres. During the month, 6,427 visits had been made to the Centres by persons needing assistance.

The Finance Report showed an expenditure of \$3,168 for the month of February, the continued increase in expenses being due to the higher price of milk and other necessities.

It was reported that an unwanted baby girl of two months had been placed in the B.C.M.S. at Fanling. Two orphan boys aged nine and seven respectively had been accommodated at the King's Park Camp, and another of twelve years sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for medical treatment prior to being placed in the Bethel Mission.

The Society was also instrumental, on behalf of a member of the public, in arranging for three boys to be admitted to the St. Louis Industrial School where, in due course, they will be taught a trade.

Mr. C. G. Solis, Chairman, extended a welcome to Dr. Graham Cumming who had accepted an invitation to serve on the Committee.

CONSTABLE WANG TEH

Police Executives Attend Officer's Funeral

The funeral service for Constable Wang Teh, who died of knife wounds in a brush with tree thieves on March 24, took place yesterday at the Tung Wah Yee Ching Repository. The remains will be sent back to Wang's village in Shantung.

Chief mourners at the funeral were the widow and two daughters. Others present included many members of the Police Force and Police Reserve, including Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. W. P. Thompson, Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods, Inspectors L. R. Whant, F. D. B. Tuckett, J. R. McWalter.

The death has occurred of Mr. John Bair Affleck, former British consul-general in Tientsin, reports *Reuter* from London. He was 62 years old.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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21st March, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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25 cents Saturdays.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.

General Managers.

24th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

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A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade Rules.

Particulars of service, etc. may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application, in writing, for the post, should reach that Officer by noon, Monday, 7th April, 1941.

Applicants must be British subjects and of British race.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tylam Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with an option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Ambulance & Canteens

For Britain And China

The Rotary Club of Hongkong is holding a flag day to-morrow, when it hopes to raise a considerable sum for the purchase of motor ambulances and mobile canteens. The sum raised will be divided equally, one half being sent to Rotary International, and the other to the Chinese headquarters. One mobile canteen has already been bought and is now operating in England.

Within a fortnight local Rotarians raised \$6,500 and have added considerably to that amount since, by other means. Thus a Rotary Dinner, a Cabaret Dance, a football match have all yielded considerable sums for this good cause.

The Club has secured the wholehearted co-operation of various organisations and of the ladies of the Colony in order to ensure the success of this flag day, which will be the final, and it hopes the biggest financial success of all.

The need in Britain and in China for these motor vehicles is obvious. Cities are being bombed daily in both countries, with the result that thousands of people are rendered homeless. Motor ambulances therefore are in urgent demand in both countries. Mobile canteens serve those who have been bombed out of their homes as well as soldiers keeping watch in lonely posts.

Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, will broadcast an appeal on behalf of the fund this evening at 7.40 p.m.

Peak School

Women May Not Return

It was authoritatively learned yesterday morning that the main reason for the re-opening of the Peak School was the fact that about 17 foreign children have been making use of the premises for some time now under private tuition, and as there were several British children included in this group, it was suggested that Government appoint two teachers.

It was also learned yesterday that several applications for permission for Government women teachers now away from Hongkong, to return in order to fill essential services posts, had been refused by the Evacuation Tribunal.

Roosevelt Signs

Washington, Mar. 27. President Roosevelt signed the Lend and Lease Bill to-day.—United Press.

Browder Starts Term

New York, Mar. 26. Mr. Earl Browder, ex-Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States, sentenced to-day for Atlanta, Georgia, to begin serving four years sentence in the Federal Penitentiary for passport frauds.—United Press.

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RIP NAZI EMBLEM—While thousands watch from a downtown San Francisco street, five youths rip the Nazi flag from the German consulate. Two sailors in the group were held.

COLONY'S TRADE IN FEBRUARY

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of February, 1941, totalled \$93.3 millions (\$5.8 millions) as compared with \$95.2 millions (\$5.9 millions) in February, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 2 per cent. in February, 1941, as compared with February, 1940; and by 1.7 per cent. in terms of sterling.

Kowloon Grievance

Maternity Cases Not Admitted To Hospital

The first meeting of the new General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place in St. Andrew's Church Hall recently.

Among the items referred to the sub-committee for investigation and report, were the matters brought up at the annual general meeting. These included the need for steps to be taken which would tend to greater safety from fire with regard to the old type of tenement houses, the feasibility of installing the flush sanitary system in every house in Kowloon, the alleged encroachment of factories in residential areas, the unsuitable location of certain offensive trades, and the allegation that some of the Air Raid shelters had not been properly constructed.

Some traffic complaints were also mentioned, and were handed over to the sub-committee concerned to be dealt with.

Maternity Wards

One of the questions brought up at the annual meeting, however, was discussed forthwith and received considerable attention. This was the matter of the maternity wards in the first and second class patients in the Kowloon Hospital, where private medical practitioners have hitherto been allowed to attend their own patients, being temporarily abolished. Subsequent to the annual meeting, a letter was received from the Hon. Director of Medical Services, in which he explained that the proposal was in connection with the better utilisation of hospital facilities at that Hospital during the period of emergency, and the continuance of the compulsory evacuation scheme. The very few maternity cases, which have been accommodated in these private wards since the evacuation, could be admitted to equally satisfactory, if not superior, accommodation in the Queen Mary Hospital, one ward being reserved for the very few emergency cases likely to occur.

In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that these eight private wards for maternity cases have proved a boon to many a Kowloon mother and child during the past seven or eight years, and Government long ago recognised that there was a real need for granting the facility attached to them, that of permitting the patient's own doctor attending her throughout her confinement. It was only to be expected that fewer maternity cases have been accommodated in these wards since the evacuation of British women in July last, but everyone hopes that this evacuation will be temporary, and nobody can say how soon these women of Kowloon will be back in their homes again.

Drastic Change Unwise

It was the general opinion at the Committee meeting that it is unwise and unjustifiable to make any drastic change regarding these wards, and, in any case, the reservation of one ward only for emergency cases is far from adequate, even during the present evacuation, as there are still a very large number of women, including Chinese, who have not been evacuated, and who can afford to and would avail themselves of the facilities referred to.

Imports of merchandise in February, 1941, totalled \$55.3 millions (\$3.4 millions) as compared with \$53.0 millions (\$3.3 millions) in February, 1940, and exports \$38.0 millions (\$2.4 millions) as compared with \$42.2 millions (\$2.6 millions).

Imports of merchandise in February, 1941, increased by 4.3 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 3.0 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in February, 1941 decreased by 10.0 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 7.7 per cent. in terms of sterling.

During the first two months of 1941 imports of merchandise totalled \$115.4 millions (\$7.1 millions) as compared with \$112.0 millions (\$7.0 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940; and exports \$90.9 millions (\$5.6 millions) as compared with \$104.2 millions (\$5.4 millions).

Imports of merchandise decreased by 5.9 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 6.6 per cent. in terms of sterling; exports decreased by 12.9 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 12.5 per cent. in terms of sterling.

The following table shows comparative imports and exports of merchandise during each of the two months of 1941 as compared with the corresponding months of 1940 and 1939, in pounds sterling (in millions):

	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941
Jan.	\$40.7	69.7	60.1	\$40.2	61.0	52.9
Feb.	2.5	4.3	3.7	2.5	3.8	3.3
Mar.	30.8	53.0	55.3	30.5	42.2	38.0
	2.3	3.3	3.4	2.3	2.0	2.4

Since February, 1940, monthly values of imports of merchandise into Hongkong fluctuated from a low HK\$ value of 48.0 millions in September, 1940, to a high of 79.3 millions in May, 1940; whilst export values fluctuated from a low of 37.8 millions in August, 1940, to a high of 62.4 millions in July, 1940.

Admirals On Merits

The system of promotion to rear-admiral, which has been in vogue in the Royal Navy since the reign of Queen Anne, is to be radically changed.

Merit is count instead of mere seniority. The Admiralty has decided to widen the field of selection for promotion so that captains of outstanding merit may rise to Flag rank earlier than is now possible.

Under the present system, promotions to rear-admiral are made half-yearly from the top of the captains' list. The new scheme will permit the Admiralty to select captains from the upper five years of the list for promotion to rear-admiral without consideration of their place on the list.

POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangan), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Hollow, Australia, Rabaul and Manila Mar. 28.
Java and Manila Mar. 29.
Canton Mar. 29.
Swatow Mar. 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 7th March) Mar. 29.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd March, Mar. 30th.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 1st March) Mar. 30.
Rangoon Mar. 30.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th March, April 3.
Sundaland Mar. 30.
Swatow Mar. 30.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered airmails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Reg. Mar. 28, 4.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, South Africa and Parcels only for United-Kingdom K.F.O.
Par. Mar. 28, 4 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 28, 5.30 p.m.

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.F.O.
Reg. Mar. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 28, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29
Canton Mar. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Straits and Rangoon Mar. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Mar. 29, 5.30 p.m.
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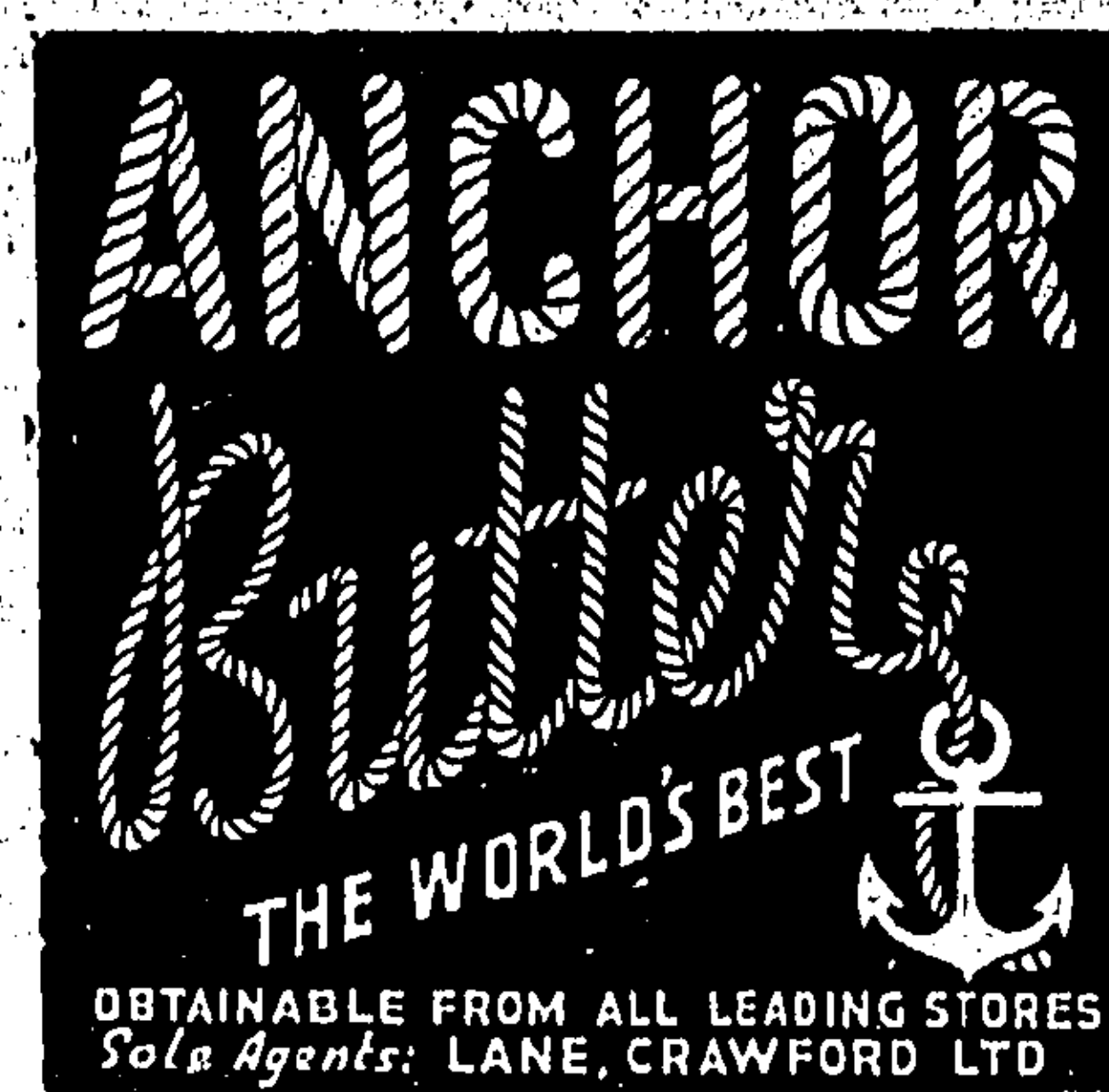
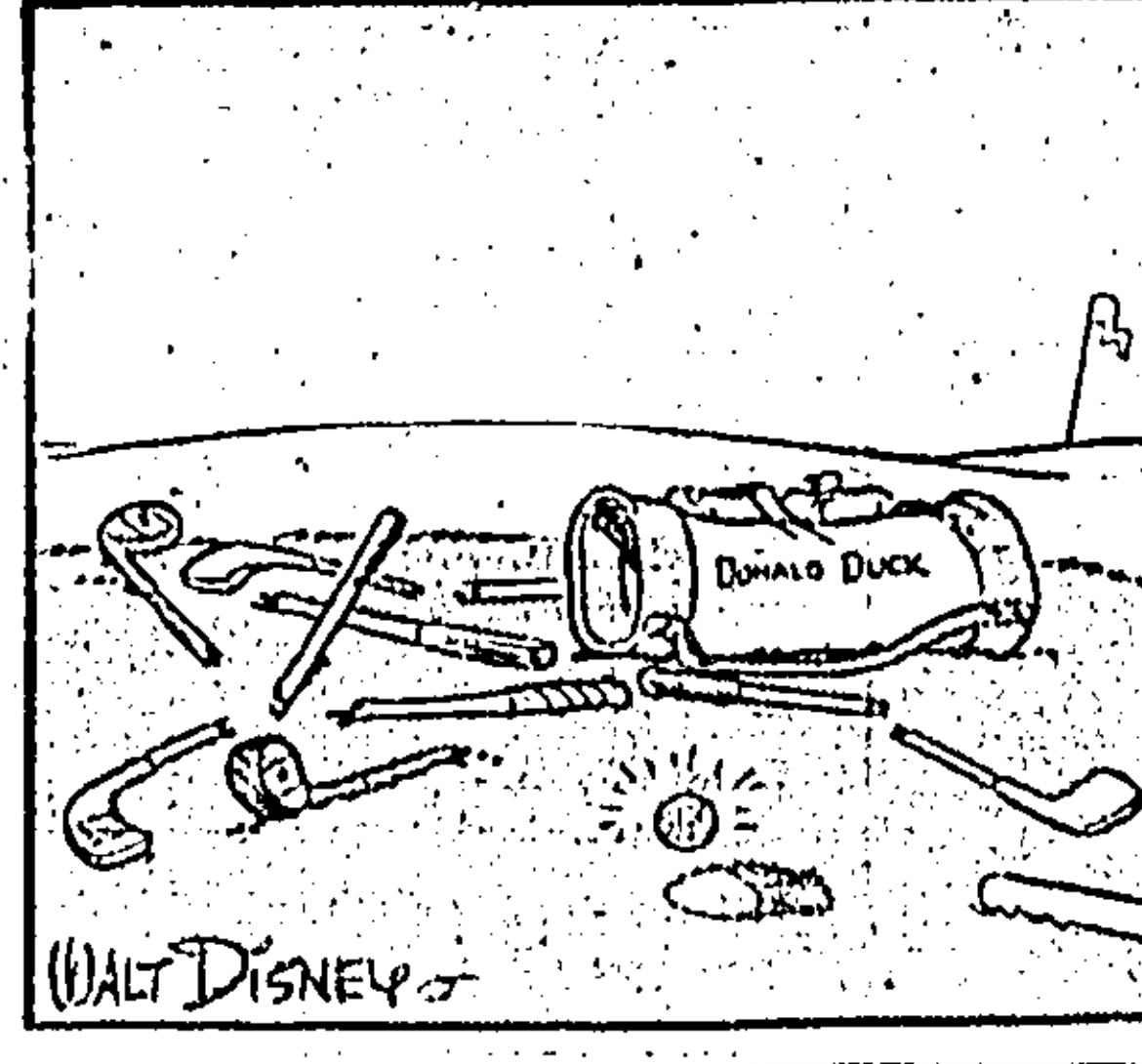
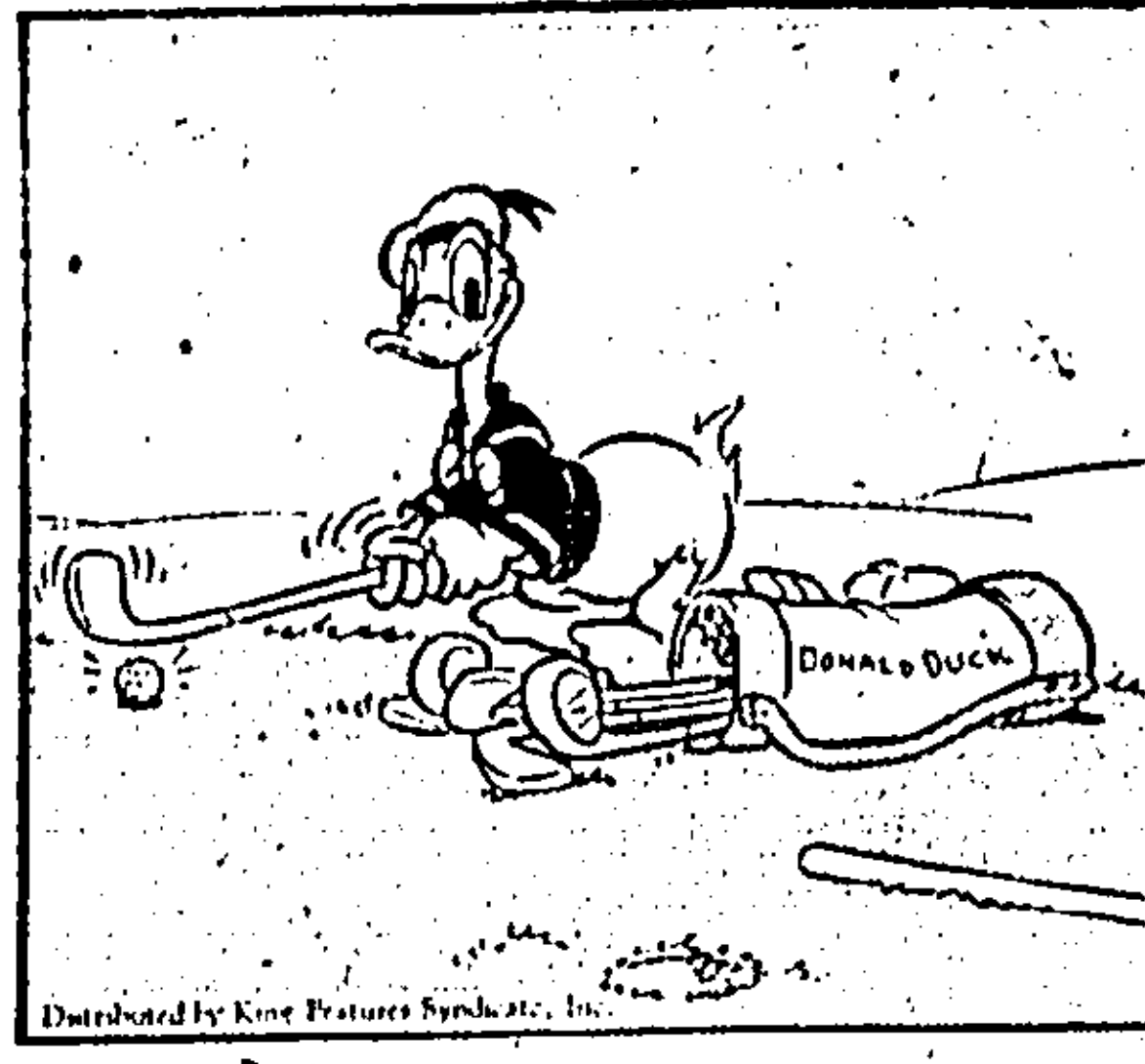
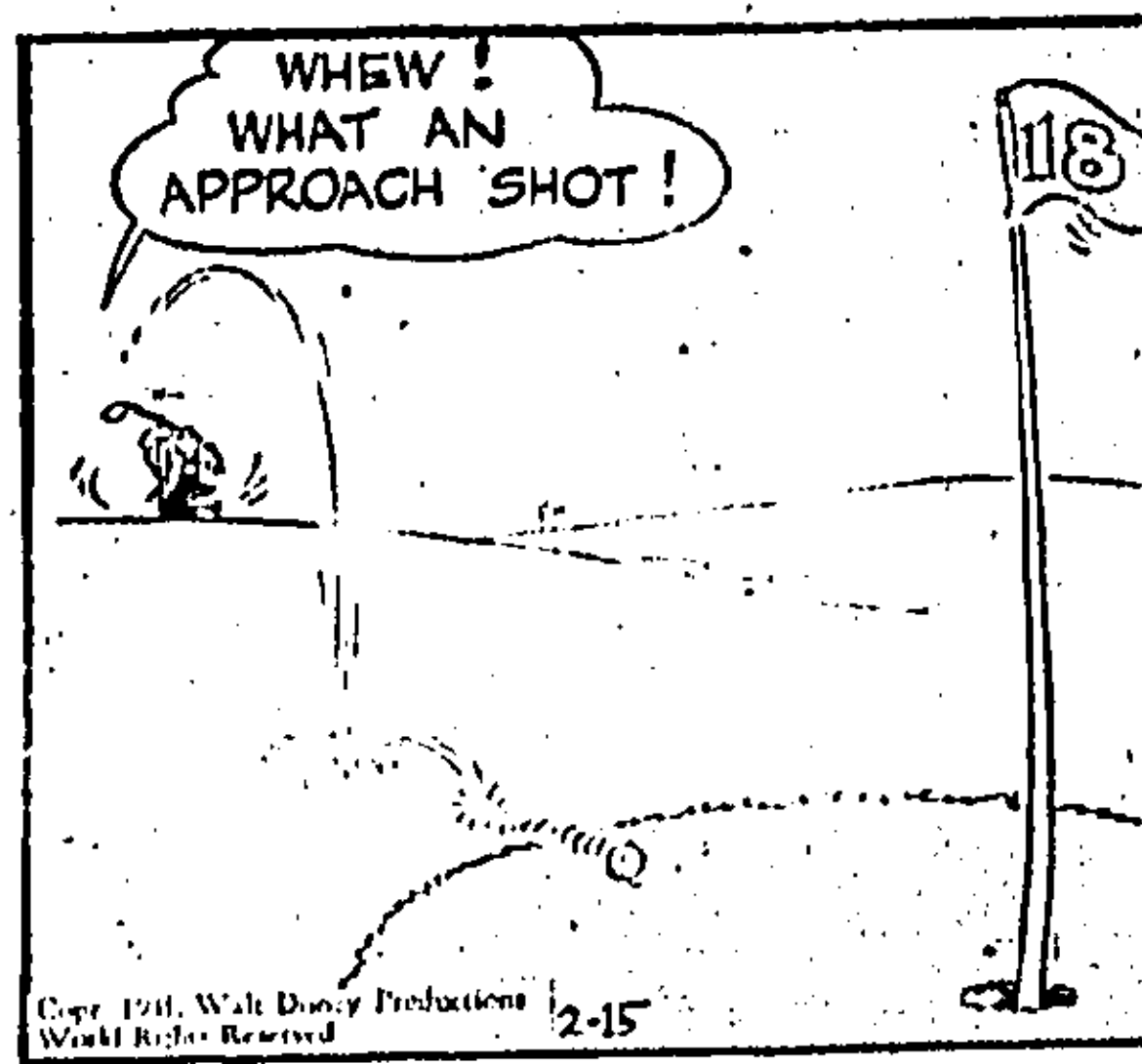
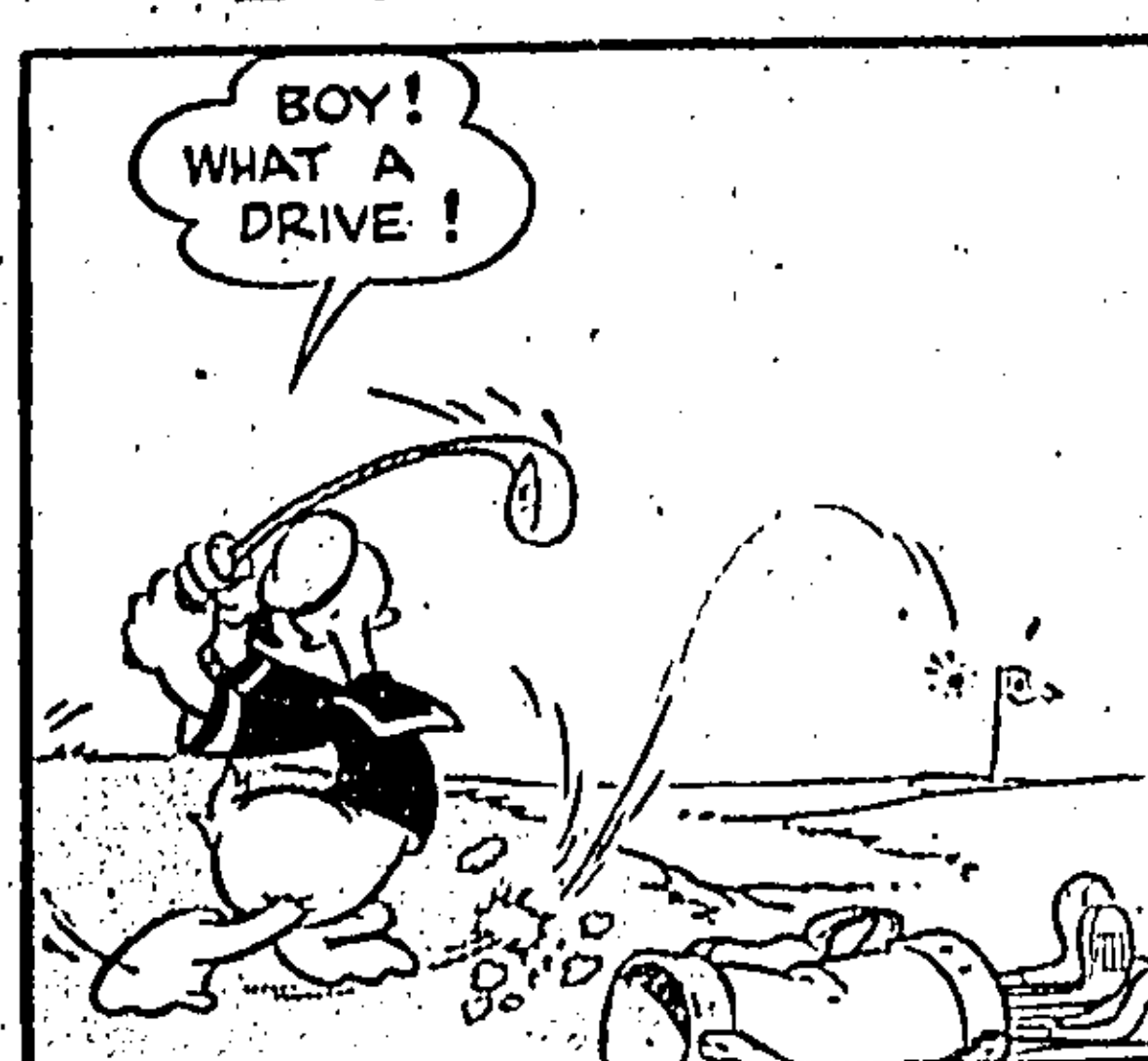
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- Contest persons
- Journeys
- April
- Physical word
- Lincoln's nickname
- Once around track
- Leadium
- Peninsula
- Exclamation
- Drinking counter
- Feline animal
- Master of ancient Greece
- Great tooth
- Agreement
- Clayman
- Machine tool
- For
- Sharp part of plant
- Conjecture for omens
- Strong brew
- Classical instrument
- Guitar-like instrument
- Past automobile
- Come in
- Thud
- Die down
- Box seeds again
- Head man
- Quishing bow
- Philippine Soulema
- Worthless remnant
- Owled
- All of us
- In India, Hindu women's garment
- French feminine article
- Ambition
- Wild animals
- Excavate

DOWN

- Percussion musical instrument
- Lay in surrounding water
- Female in relative
- Impersonal pronoun
- Lab
- Greenland base for Arctic exploration
- Ancient Italian city
- Smallest particles
- Vivacity
- Religious groups
- Alterations
- Prefix: thrice
- Bundary Belost (abbr.)
- Reputation (col.)
- Site (French)
- Astronaut's safety device
- Broken into many pieces
- Loiter
- In South Africa, headland
- Buoy
- Head coverings
- Casualty used for violin strings
- National abbr.
- Chapel for head
- Swiss name
- Twelfth consonant in Greek alphabet
- Incense grave
- Note of scale
- Conte sections
- Carefully wrought out
- Calculate answer
- Observe
- Concurrence
- Remark (abbr.)
- Amount (abbr.)
- African ruminant
- Dine
- Prefix: against
- Exist
- Note of scale

HOW STRONG IS THE NAZI LUFTWAFFE?

In an important article commenting on the recent American estimates of German aircraft strength, some of which gave figures as high as 70,000 with 36,000 "fighting" types, the "Sunday Times" Air Correspondent writes that most of the figures are nonsensical. Analysis will show that Germany probably has an absolute total of about 40,000 machines, of which fewer than 18,000 are "combat" types and the number available for full operation at any given time is about 9,000.

We know there are at present three Air Fleets (Luftflotte) operating against Britain. Air Fleet II, under Kesselring operating from Belgium, Northern France and Holland; Air Fleet III, under Sperrle, in the West of France; and Air Fleet V, under Stumpff, from Northern Holland and Germany Denmark and Norway.

Besides these there are Air Fleet I in Eastern Germany, Air Fleet IV under the Austrian Loehr with headquarters in Vienna; a sixth Air Fleet in Rumania, and an Independent Air Unit now in Italy.

Seven Regular Fleets

Thus there are seven regular Air Fleets. To these must be added the Naval Air Service, operating separately, and the Operational Training Division, which together constitute the total "first line" strength of the Luftwaffe.

To ascertain the total strength of these formations we must examine more closely the structure of the German Air Force.

Each German squadron (Staffel), fighter, bomber, or reconnaissance, had a peacetime strength of nine aeroplanes, now expanded to twelve, with a further three in reserve. Three squadrons form a Wing (Gruppe) and three Wings a Group (Geschwader). Two fighter Groups and one reconnaissance Wing form one Air Corps (Flieger Korps) representing the fighter or protection allotted to each Division. Three bomber Groups, one fighter Group and one reconnaissance Wing go to make a Division, with a total of about 480 machines,

not counting reserves or transports.

Three Divisions

Each Air Fleet is composed of three Divisions and one fighter Air Corps, making a total of about 1,700 aeroplanes, some 1,000 of which are bombers, seventy-five reconnaissance and 625 fighters. At any given time about one-quarter of these will be unserviceable, undergoing overhaul or repair. Therefore the total effective strength of an Air Fleet at any moment is about 1,300 aeroplanes.

The strength of the Naval Air Service is reliably put at 1,000 aeroplanes of all types—about 500 operational at any moment. The Operational Training Division adds a further 400 immediately serviceable types, and the special Transport Organisation is reputed to have some 2,000 transport aeroplanes for parachute troops and so forth.

Special Units

The Luftwaffe also has special transport units attached to each squadron for carrying ground personnel. For instance, each fighter group of 140 machines has thirty transports attached.

Thus, as far as can be estimated without reference to official sources, the total strength of the Luftwaffe may be set out as below:

(A equals strength plus first line Reserve immediately available and Transports. B equals operational strength at any moment.)

Six Air Fleets: A, 16,500. B, 7,800.

Independent Air Unit: A, 2,750. B, 1,300.

Naval Air Service: A, 1,000. B, 500.

Operational Training: A, 650. B, 400.

Transport Organisation: A, 3,500. B, 2,000.

Total: A, 24,400. B, 12,000.

Behind all this will lie a reserve pool and unfinished machines of approximately 50 per cent., as well as some 5,000 trainers, and communication aircraft. This brings the absolute grand total of all planes to about 40,000.

No estimate is complete without mention of production and losses.

R.A.F. Victories

Records show that the Royal Air Force has scored nearly 6,000 confirmed victories over German aeroplanes in all engagements since the war began. Experience suggests that a reasonable estimate is that for every machine lost in combat two are put out of service by accidents and unrecorded victories. This does not include training losses, usually estimated at 15 per cent. per month.

Thus we reckon that the total losses of the Luftwaffe since the war began, counting

the Polish, Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, French, and British campaigns, is not far short of 24,000 machines. Compared with this, the R.A.F. has lost just under 1,800 aeroplanes in action, so that on the same basis the total British losses would be about 5,500 aeroplanes—and now the Royal Air Force has more machines than ever before.

German Production

When the war began, German production of first-line types was about 1,000 a month. It is now estimated at about 1,600 a month (total about 2,300 of all types). An average of 1,400 first-line machines a month would not be far wrong. Thus to replace losses of 24,000, the enemy has built about the same number or slightly less, and the Luftwaffe cannot be considered to have expanded during the war. That is an important point and may explain puzzling features in the operations of the past months.

To return to American figures, an obvious explanation of the figure of thirty-one divisions quoted is a mistake in appreciating the composition of Air Fleets. Taking the independent air unit as a separate fleet we have seven air fleets made up of twenty-one divisions and ten air corps. These have a total strength with immediate Reserves, but without Transport, of 15,800 aircraft which is reasonably close to the 18,000 quoted.

Operational Strength

But only three of them, with a total strength of about 6,800 aeroplanes and operational strength of 3,900, are at present facing Britain. A point of particular significance is that we find no records of the Germans having put more than 2,500 aeroplanes into the air on any one day, even during weeks of maximum effort. Aerodromes they now occupy in France are primitive. The capacity is limited by the number of aeroplanes which can be handled by ground crews over any period.

Such limitations present themselves whenever a big campaign is undertaken.

Coming Attack

The strength of the coming attack is thus fairly clear. If Germany were free of all other commitments and could concentrate her total operational units, she might be able to attack with about 9,000 aeroplanes, 4,500 of which would be bombers. This total, irrespective of losses in action, would soon be reduced for operational forces to about 6,000.

In fact, Germany dare not take the risk of withdrawing the units from Poland, Italy, and the Balkans, even if she could hope to operate them from the available air fields. She will be lucky if she can assemble a total of 6,000 aeroplanes for the opening of the assault on Britain.

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SPANISH ENVOY'S SECRET DIARY

Stolen from London Flat

WHO stole the secret diary of Senor Miguel Piernavieja del Pozo from his London flat? Was it a German agent? Or a Spanish Republican? Or who?

Senor del Pozo arrived in London in September on a special mission from the Spanish Government, to report on conditions in blitzed Britain. Every week he has been sending home his reports to the National Institute of Political Studies. And every night he has been entering his own secret impressions in a large blue diary, which he locked away in his wardrobe.

Germany Worried By Latest Turn

→ FROM PAGE ONE

had earlier appealed to Prince Paul against the signature of the Axis Pact.

The Cabinet includes representatives of all the leading Serb, Croat and Slovene parties.

Full Aid of U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The United States has promised Yugoslavia full aid if she is forced to resist aggression.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at a press conference to-day that the United States Minister in Belgrade has been instructed to inform the Yugo-Slav Government that the change in power in Yugo-Slavia is widely welcomed in the United States as a matter of self-congratulation to every liberty-loving man and woman and that in accordance with the League and League Act, President Roosevelt is able in the interest of national defence of the United States, to render effective material assistance to nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity against aggression.

Mr. Welles also indicated that Yugo-Slav assets in the United States, which were frozen this week, might be released.

Benefits Previously Urged
NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—News of the revolution in Yugo-Slavia is not entirely unexpected in official circles in Washington in view of the recent reports of anti-Axis sentiment.

While it is noted that the United States administration has done anything in the nature of advising Belgrade, the United States has undoubtedly placed clearly before the Belgrade Government in recent days the benefits of British and American aid which would accrue to Yugo-Slavia if she resisted the Axis.

Axis Is Silent

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Axis is significantly silent on to-day's developments in Yugo-Slavia. Competent circles in Berlin stated that up to mid-day to-day they had received "no authentic information in regard to events in Belgrade," states the official German news agency. Therefore, official and semi-official circles in Berlin refrain from taking up any attitude in the matter. Italian official quarters likewise decline to express any view concerning the Belgrade events, according to wireless reports from Rome.

No telephone message has been received from the Italian Legation in Belgrade, it is added.

Greeks Happy

ATHENS, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav coup d'etat was received with great enthusiasm here. Crowds gathered outside the Yugo-Slav Legation shouting "Long live King Peter." Men read special newspaper editions with trembling hands and strangers in the streets shook hands excitedly.

The King of Greece entered military headquarters smiling happily and broad smiles broke out on the faces of his Ministers.

Demonstrations of support for Yugo-Slavia were general in Salonika. Local Serbian residents showed unrestrained joy and there were also scenes of fervent enthusiasm on the Albanian front. At points where Greeks and Yugo-Slavs are in contact, soldiers of the two countries embraced each other and saluted their respective flags.

Most Cheering News

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).

"I spent the week-end at the Petersfield, Hampshire, home of Mrs. Wiggins, of the British Council, which is sponsoring me," he told a reporter.

"When I returned on Monday, I went to make an entry in my diary. It had disappeared.

In Spanish

"I can only suppose that it has been stolen, and I am notifying the police. The only persons to whom it would be of any interest are Spanish Republicans or German agents."

"The diary, which was written in Spanish, really has little political significance. It contains my personal impressions of Britain's wartime life, and records many private conversations I have had with people in authority since my arrival."

"It is quite likely that I would have published the diary in book form on my return to Spain."

Senor del Pozo, a slim, dark man of 24, said that the Ministry of Information had given him every facility for carrying out his investigations.

He has seen the London docks and the East End, inspected a gun emplacement, and had a "close-up" of a Spitfire.

Heavier Bombs

"The bombing has been much worse here than we had in Spain during the Civil War," he said. "The bombs have been much heavier, and the planes far more numerous. But you haven't had the continual shelling to which we were subjected in Madrid, day and night."

"I think that, so far as material damage is concerned, Hitler has been wasting his bombs on London."

"Life here seems to carry on very much as usual. That is one of the things I stressed in my diary."

"Y" Hockey Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-morrow on the home ground:

Second V. Engineers (3 p.m.).—Clegggett, Naylor, Grant, Glick, Ure, Gorman; Macey, Irson, Dorrner, Fancey, Banks.

First V. Engineers (4.15 p.m.).—Bennett, Taylor, Yuriff, Jordan, Coombe, Wadsworth; Smith, Olsen, Ure, Morgan, Dunne.

Yaumati School Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of the Yaumati Government School will be held from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, March 31. The prizes will be presented by Mrs. H. S. Mok.

—The Belgrade coup d'etat is the sole topic here, where it is described as the most cheering news since the British and Greeks' defeats of the Italians.

It is thought here that this first major diplomatic defeat for Hitler will be of enormous importance elsewhere than in the Balkans.

Impressing Matsuoaka
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—It is thought here that Hitler demanded signature by Yugo-Slavia of the Axis Pact when he did in order to impress Mr. Matsuoaka and to induce Japan to enter the war.

Political circles here are of the opinion that Russian support of Turkey plus the Yugo-Slav revolt will, with the fighting spirit of the Greek and British troops in the Balkans, present an array of strength in the Balkans formidable enough to make Hitler pause before launching a large-scale offensive.

In addition, the change in the Yugo-Slav situation will prove a fatal blow to the Italian forces in Albania.

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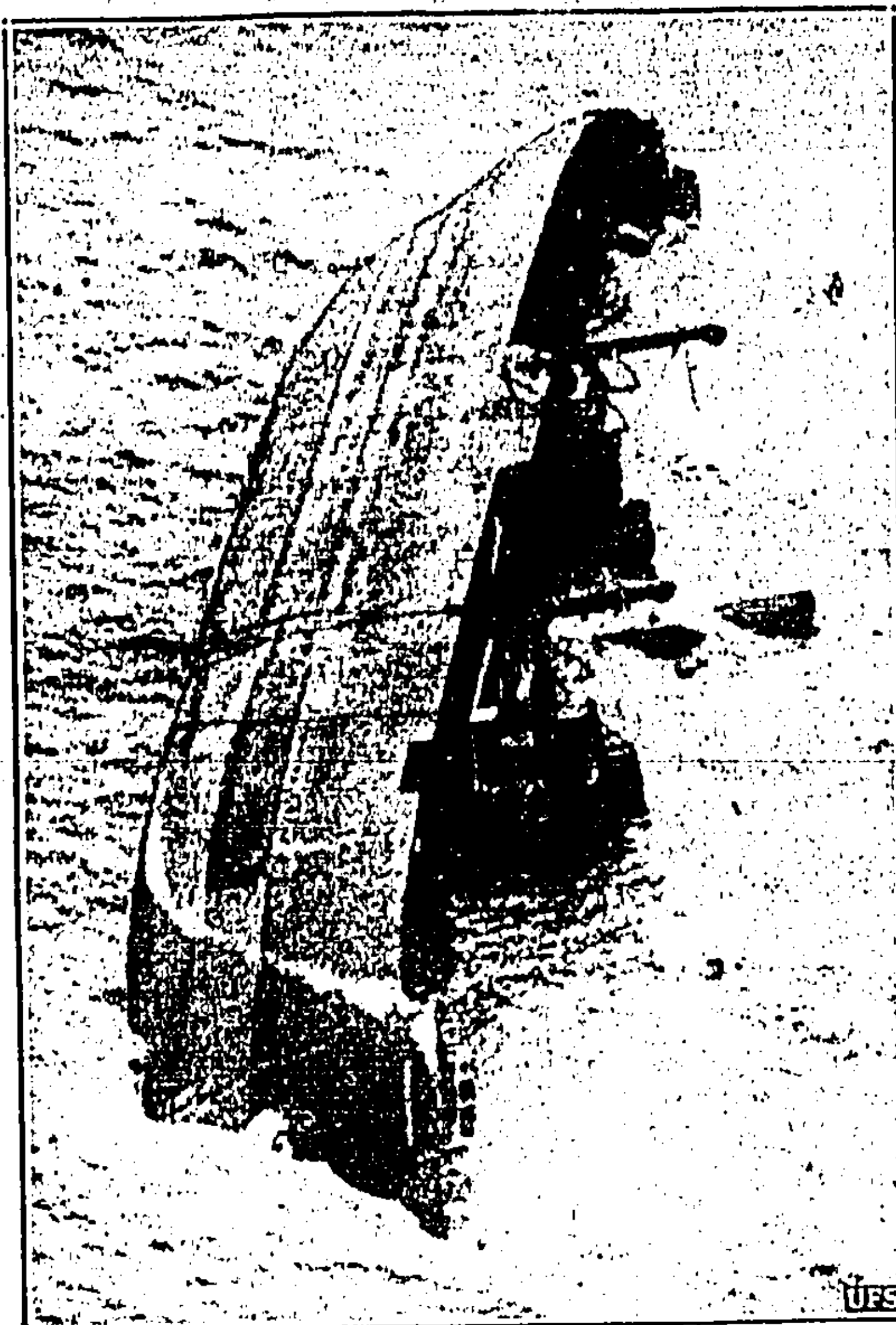
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TURNED OVER—When 8,000 tons of pig iron shifted aboard the freighter Ramon de Larringa, bound for Britain, she turned over like this, three miles off Delaware Breakwater. One man was lost in the crew of 48, who were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Stream of American Bombers Ferried Across The Atlantic

Bombers and flying-boats built in America are being flown across the wintry Atlantic in increasing numbers to reinforce the R.A.F. A continuous stream is to be maintained.

Among the planes are four-engine flying fortresses—Boeing B17 bombers, each of which can carry four tons of bombs.

Already a large number of certain types of planes have arrived under their own power. In all, four kinds are being ferried over—

Flying Fortresses with a range of more than 3,000 miles; Lockheed Hudson long-range reconnaissance bombers for the Coastal Command, which has been using this type of plane since the war began;

Lockheed Vega Ventura bombers, which are a larger and faster version of the Lockheed Hudson; and Consolidated two-engine flying-boats, also for the Coastal Command.

More than thirty types of U.S. aircraft are supplementing the output of factories in Britain, Canada and Australia.

Southward Expansion Bases

Formosa and Hainan
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TAIHOKE, Mar. 27 (Dome).—The development of Hainan Island might be easier than that of Formosa, Mr. Nooki Hoshino, Minister without Portfolio and Governor of the Planning Board, declared to the Press to-day.

"It is most important now to develop Formosa as the base for southward developments," Mr. Hoshino said. "Hainan Island is to be developed from now on but utilising past experiences in the development of Formosa as the only base of Japan in the South, the development of Hainan Island might be easier than that of Formosa. It is my impression that the development of the South might be comparatively easy."

Mr. Hoshino arrived here from Canton on March 20 by air after inspecting South China and he has since inspected Takao and other parts of Formosa.

Blades To Be Scarce

Razor blades are going to be scarce. Since December 1 cutlery sales have been reduced to one-quarter of pre-war figures—and cutlery includes razor blades.

An official of the British Safety Razor and Blade Manufacturers' Association said recently:—

"In the early days of the war the Government ordered about 2,500,000 safety razors for the troops."

"We predict that the supply of razor blades will run out completely in a few months' time."

"We cannot understand why the Board of Trade has failed to differentiate between razor blades and ordinary cutlery, and hope its Order will be revised."

Next Week's Tennis Schedule

MONDAY

Singles.—Pang Oi-lam v. S. T. Chau or Wei Chung; George Chea v. T. J. Gould; O. Umehani v. M. Pagh.

Doubles.—Pang Oi-lam and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher.

Club Championship.—T. A. Pearce v. C. H. B. Oxide.

TUESDAY

Singles.—S. A. Rumjahn v. Shields Goodman; Tsui Wai-pui v. K. H. Yip.

WEDNESDAY

Doubles.—J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v. I. M. A. Ratack and A. R. Ming v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.

Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell v. T. A. Pearce or C. H. B. Oxide; R. E. Guevara v. J. Stirling Lee; T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh.

THURSDAY

Singles, Paul Kong v. Tsui Yan-pui.

FRIDAY

Singles.—C. S. Lee or A. Crawford v. George Chea or T. J. Gould; I. M. A. Ratack v. S. A. Rumjahn or Shields Goodman; O. Umehani or M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Northumberland & Durham Assn Bowls Rinks

The following have been selected to represent the Northumberland and Durham Association in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's greens, Cox's Road, on Sunday at 2.45 p.m.:

W. G. R. Coates, A. D. Spoor, C. Gowland, J. Fraser, (Skip).
J. C. R. Hunt, R. A. Radford, J. Smith, T. Coleman, (Skip).
G. Henderson, D. Kossler, J. F. MacGowan, (Skip).
E. Purvis, C. E. Turpin, S. Hodge, T. W. Carr, (Skip).
Reserves.—E. L. Starling, W. Darius, C. B. Cross.

Players unable to turn out should please communicate with Mr. T. W. Carr, c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, or Telephone 30/262 as early as possible.

It is hoped to arrange further risks the spot, and all members of the Association who wish to play will be assured of a game if they turn up.

What Gladstone Said In 1940

Gladstone, the great Liberal statesman, has declared that Britain will achieve "victory sooner than you believe."

Claims that this message was received through a Bath spiritualist medium have been made by Sir John Anderson, of Rivers-st., Bath.

Sir John, who is no relation to the present Lord Privy Seal, said that the message came during a meeting of a spiritualist circle in his home.

"The text of the message was: 'Good evening, my friends. Once more I return to your earth. I am William Ewart Gladstone. I have just this last day been with your Premier in the House of Commons.'"

"My friends, you are going to victory sooner than you believe. Good night."

Fatshan H'cap

(First Section)

Short Scramble For Novice Jockeys

FLAT HANDICAP racing really begins to-morrow with the Fatshan Handicap (First Section) for "C" class China ponies, because from now until the end of the season the open races on the basis of weight for inches as per scale will be in the minority.

This race will be ridden by novices and anything may happen in a scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards). There are seven ponies recently demoted from a higher standard and the top weight for the Fatshan Handicap (first section) is shared by Jennifer, Jober and Thirty Six.

The last named is my fancy, because the jockey Mr. Ho Hong-pling has ridden the chestnut twice at the big meeting and the mare was well up on both occasions. This alone should justify one's confidence.

Not Satisfactory

JENNIFER will be the mount of Mr. Coppin, but her canter of Wednesday last did not please me at all. Jober's gallop in the same morning was not superior, and I have not been able to ascertain who is going to pilot the Barber's candidate.

Lancashire Lass was out very early, but the grey finished the last hundred yards like a sampan tossing over the white horses in the harbour. Blue Diamond with Mr. S. W. Lee may spring a surprise.

Since writing the above it is learned that Mr. Ho Hong-pling has been operated on for appendicitis and Mr. W. Yui will be riding Thirty Six.

Sappers Win Large Units Cricket League

ROYAL ENGINEERS won in the final of the Large Units Cricket knock-out competition, beating the Combined Small Units by 65 runs in a two day match that concluded yesterday. Bowlers were on top, and scoring was low.

Scores were:

Royal Engineers
1st Innings.—145 (Bailey 40, Tropp 35, Dixon 7 for 41).

2nd Innings.—64 (Ratcliffe 37, Dewar 5 for 22, Murphy 4 for 30).

Small Units

1st Innings.—65 (Coombs 23, Denyer 5 for 20, Tropp 3 for 14, Megson 2 for 19).

2nd Innings.—79 (Logan 24, Megson 9 for 25).

G.A. Goodban Three Short Of Century

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL beat H.M.S. Tamar by 67 runs in a friendly game of cricket yesterday. Outstanding innings was that of G. A. Goodban, Headmaster of the School, who fell three runs short of scoring a century. His knock included 13 boundaries.

Scores were:
School.—187 (G. A. Goodban 97, A. J. Hulse 38, West 4 for 55).
Tamar.—120 (Boyes 27, Wilson 25 not out, Ebrahim 4 for 43).

Club's Final Rugby Match

The last game of the Hongkong Football Club Rugby Section's season will take place at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow on the Club ground, when the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will meet the rest of the Club. The Bank fifteen will be: P. M. Thompson, L. J. A. Felden, D. C. Day, M. G. Carruthers and E. A. Matthews; G. G. Atkinson and G. T. Harrison; J. S. Lee, J. S. Dunnett, E. A. Bompas, R. C. Galbraith, A. M. Kennedy (capt), M. F. L. Haymes, K. A. Watson and L. M. Wylie.



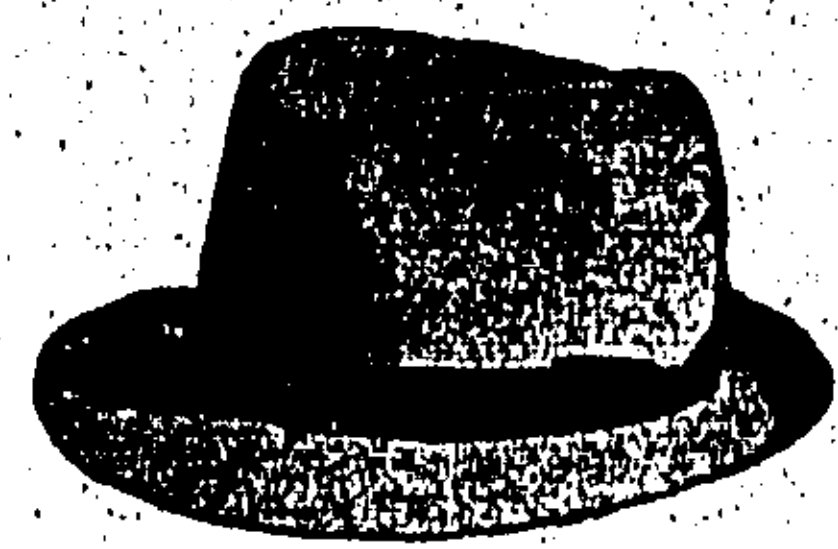
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Second Extra Meeting To-morrow

Broken Hill H'cap

Outstanding Australians For A "Classic" Race

I FIRMLY BELIEVE that the Broken Hill Handicap will provide the best event of the afternoon. It is for "A" class Australian ponies over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in. Sapper has been set to give 7 lb. of lead to Distant View and United Express, and I cannot say just yet whether the course is going to be firm or soft.

Hobart H'cap (First Section)

Several Favourites For First Leg

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double event is on the Hobart Handicap (First Section) for "A" class Australian ponies over six furlongs. When many Thanks came home first in the Wakool Handicap on the Second Day of the Annual Carnival, there was nearly an inch and a half of water on the track.

It was a sorry story from the viewpoint of punters because they could not follow the race, and it was also in this event that Fair Chance and Melody Star bumped their jockeys.

There is no certainty that Many Thanks will have a water course to-morrow and furthermore the presence of Vanity Fair will be a menace to his second success.

Contact by Double Court is dangerous on account of an allowance of 7 lb. and the mare must be considered as one of the favourites. Crifled is another that we must not overlook provided, of course, Mr. Needa does not put extra weight aboard.

Kongmun Plate

Chance For Non-Winners To Collect

IN the opening event, Kongmun Plate, the ban on winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes has precluded the entry of several China pony griffins of this season, and this is to give others a chance of collecting a few dollars.

Lovelylight is no doubt the pick among the list of entries, but the mare fully recovered from a stiff shoulder after running the Hongkong Derby, and the same may be asked of Glossylight in the Racing Stakes?

Eve of Grandeur, the cream of Sir Victor's string, has also been on the sick list and the heavy going was to a certain extent responsible for the temporary suspension. I doubt if this chestnut or the other two from the Clre's stable will be able to line up.

However, in their absence, the order of the finish should be Iron Beauty, Odcon and Lovely View.

Distant View, Sapper And United Express To Run Together: Fight For Stewards' Cup

THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTEST of the Second Extra Race Meeting to-morrow at Happy Valley is the Stewards' Cup, a handicap for Australian pony griffins of this season, and the winner is to receive a silver trophy presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club plus the stake money of \$1,500.

Classification Lists

This is a new event and I am sure that there will be a big fight for it.

In addition there are eight other interesting races, the majority being handicap events.

Luckily the First Extra Meeting was held last Saturday without any further postponement,

and this, of course, gave an opportunity to the classification sub-committee to hold their meeting last Sunday morning.

The classification list shows the creation of an "E" class, a new section for Australian ponies, and it augurs well for those unfortunate subscribers who drew stummers. However, the new list comprising five sheets is too long to reproduce in this column, but there has no doubt been a great deal of demotions among the old Australian and China ponies.

A Strong Class

IN the "B" Class raters of Australian ponies, Ajax, A. Roaring Time, Derby Day, Flying Dutchman, Franklin and Income Tax have been drafted to the "C" and the company is now a strong unit.

Of the "B" Class China ponies, the transfer of Blue Diamond, Expansion Time, Jennifer, Jober, King Kong, Lancashire Lass and Thirty Six to "C" Division will undoubtedly provide good racing.

It is interesting that the two sections of the Fatshan Handicap for "C" Class China ponies to-morrow will be ridden by "red-letters" jockeys, and it is a sprint from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

The Big Event

THOUGH it is not a classic event, the Broken Hill Handicap has attracted three equine stars, namely Distant View (the best Australian griffin), Sapper (the Spring Champion) and United Express (the champion subscription pony).

The run is over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and it is reliably learned that all are definitely facing the start.

The sight of these three great butchers should draw a big crowd of racing enthusiasts, and it will be the best event of the meet.

Hobart H'cap (Second Section)

Complication Of Weights For Second Leg

THE SECOND LEG of the daily double event on the Hobart Handicap (second section) for "B" class Australian ponies looks easy to spot the winner, but the handicapper has assigned Devonian, Happy Landings, Pumpnickel, Venus Bay and Vixen Tor to this division with the result that it has complicated matters.

With the exception of these five old raters, all others are winning subscription ponies of the current season and the run is only six furlongs.

In the latter company we have not seen National Welfare after running unplaced in the Rooty-Hill Derby, but the mare's success in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) over six furlongs in 1.10½ has no doubt prompted the weight adjuster to level her with Happy Returns.

By the way, the Chinese hoop, Mr. B. L. Tao is once again under the Stewards' orders not to don the silk to-morrow, but the mount on National Welfare has been accepted by Mr. Wei.

Happy Returns will be ridden by Mr. L. B. Chao. However, these two ponies are nearly at the head of the handicaps and both of them are on the same line with Devonian.

Stiff Proposition

LADY Northcote's candidate ran a good race behind Connieber (winner) in the Moonce Ponds Handicap last Saturday, but Mr. Alves has set her nomination to be 7 lb. better than Pumpnickel and Vixen Tor. This is undoubtedly a stiff proposition.

I see that Venus Bay has been promoted without a win in the "C" class, and the mare by Double Court is not out of the running. There are, in my estimation, half a dozen racers with equal chances and I will make my final selection to-morrow.

It is rarely much good making excuses in racing, but it was a great shock to me when Distant View, the pony I selected to win the Australian Ponies Champions, finished second.

However, in a race such as the Broken Hill Handicap, which I consider a classic fight for the three best from the Antipodes, I am not prepared to delve into the pros and cons of all the entries, but I have reason to say that the grass track will play an important role.

On a fast course my fancy is United Express.

Stewards' Cup

Oracle And Coloona To Battle Again

Several Promising Ponies

AFTER HER FINE successful performance in the Oakleigh Plate last Saturday, in which the mare set up a record time of 1.44 for the mile, Oracle with the same jockey in the saddle should be able to capture the Stewards' Cup for the owner.

Looking over the handicaps I see that Oracle is on the same level with Coloona, and I wonder whether there has not been a flaw in framing the weights.

When they met in the Austral Racing Stakes over the champion course, the winner (Coloona) beat Oracle by a tiny short head after a very exciting finish down the straight and Coloona was then giving 3 lb. to the loser.

They have not clashed since that run, and it seems to me that the

levelling of the two contenders was apparently due to the record time established by Oracle. Rightly or wrongly we shall know how it works out to-morrow, and it is hoped that the result will turn in favour of the gentleman handing out the poundage.

Most Dangerous

THE most dangerous candidate is Namine Poenne, provided the mare will not act the goat. Marsh Warbler is nicely in on handicap, but I believe the run over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, is not her distance.

Gloaming with Mr. Poy up is going to make a strong bid for the cup, but I am afraid the "evening twilight" will not cross the line first. Dynasty's representative has nothing to complain about—the weight, having only 137 lb. to carry, and there is certainly a golden opportunity for King's Wellcome to break the sequence of finishing fourth in all her five outings.

The Nineteenth Hole may put up an appearance, but it looks that the Golf's representative is not yet ready.

Canton H'cap (Second Section)

Lilliber On Book Form

ON THE BOOK FORM which I have always found the surest guide, Lilliber (L. B. Chao) should be a paper-certainty for the Canton Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies and the mare likes a run over six furlongs.

The second best is Hughber (G. Trevorton) from the same stable and stern opposition is sure to come from Galaxy, the winner of St. Andrew's Cup.

Badminton Championship Matches To-day

BADMINTON Championship schedule for this evening is as follows:

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7 p.m.—H. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung (Junior Singles).

7.30 p.m.—P. Wong v. D. Kwok (Senior Singles).

8.15 p.m.—N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (Junior Singles).

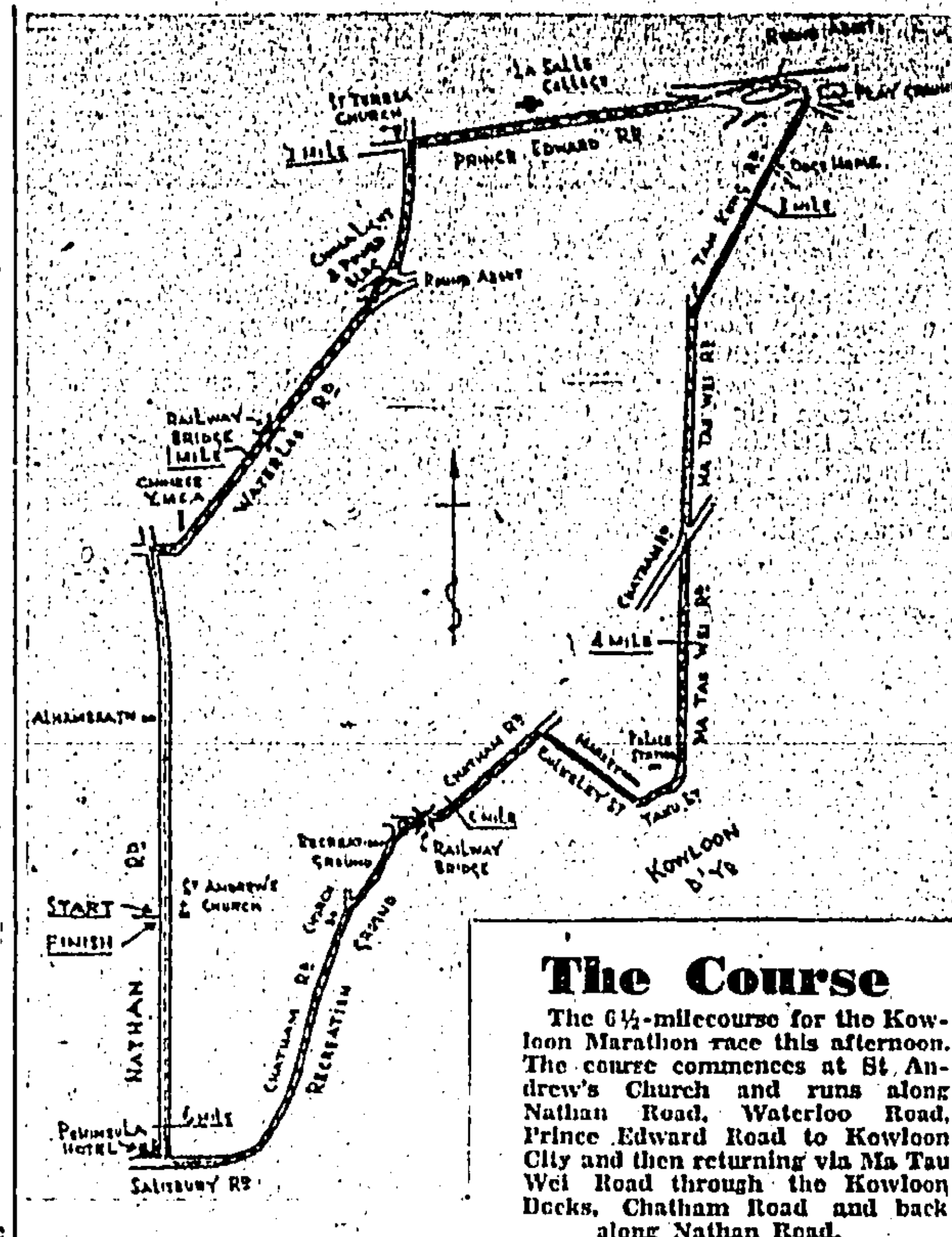
8.45 p.m.—A. L. Fisher v. Peter Lo (Junior Singles).

9.15 p.m.—W. Gillies and J. L. Anderson v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Junior Doubles).

International XI

The following will represent the International F.C. in their Third Division football match against the R.A.F. on Saturday on the Chatham Road ground at 3 p.m.:

Mak Yung-fai; N. Delgado, R. Heath; W. Wilkinson, Gough, Elma; H. Campos, F. W. Hey, R. Bodle, H. Rocha and W. Sprinkle.



The Course

The 6½-milecourse for the Kowloon Marathon race this afternoon. The course commences at St. Andrew's Church and runs along Nathan Road, Waterloo Road, Prince Edward Road to Kowloon City and then returning via Ma Tau Wei Road through the Kowloon Docks, Chatham Road and back along Nathan Road.

Kowloon Marathon This Afternoon

Only Nineteen Entries

ONLY 19 ENTRIES have been received for the 20th Annual Kowloon Marathon this afternoon, which commences at 5 p.m. Favourite is Pte. Manson, the Royal Scots, though the present warm weather and the small field do not promise very good times.

Canton H'cap (First Section)

Velvetlight Looks A Certainty

WITH DUE RESPECT to Eve of Heaven, Gay Star and White Diamond who have recently been demoted, it looks that Velvetlight is a certainty for the Canton Handicap (first section) and the stallion will be piloted by Mr. Peter Wei.

The combination is, therefore, with solid qualifications. I understand that White Diamond is dotty.

As place-getters Conquering Time and Eve of Heaven are recommended.

The entries are: Middlesex Regt.—Sgt. Baker, Cpl. Hobson, L/Cpl. Anderson, Pte. Morton, Pte. Shaw, Pte. Sturges, Pte. Mansfield, Pte. Caul, Pte. Hughes, Pte. Robertson and Pte. Nobel. Royal Signals—Sgt. Harkinson, Sgts. Lewis, Sgts. Lihauer, Royal Scots—Pte. Scott and Pte. Manson. I.R.A.—L. A/C Moulton. Civilian—S. N. J. Aromlin and C. Trux.

The race starts from St. Andrew's Church and finishes at the same line. Three cups will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, while a special trophy is being presented for St. Andrew's Club Fellowship members.

Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots) was the winner last year in 36 mins. 4 secs. But record time was established by Bugler White (Somerset Light Infantry) in the 1930 race when he returned 33 mins. 25 secs.

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v. I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

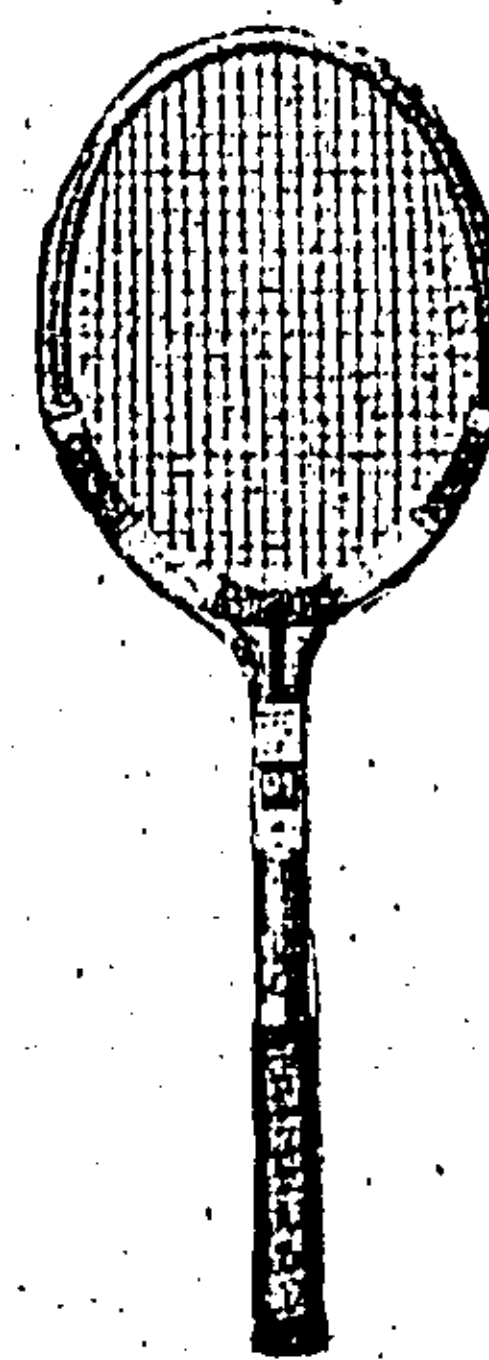
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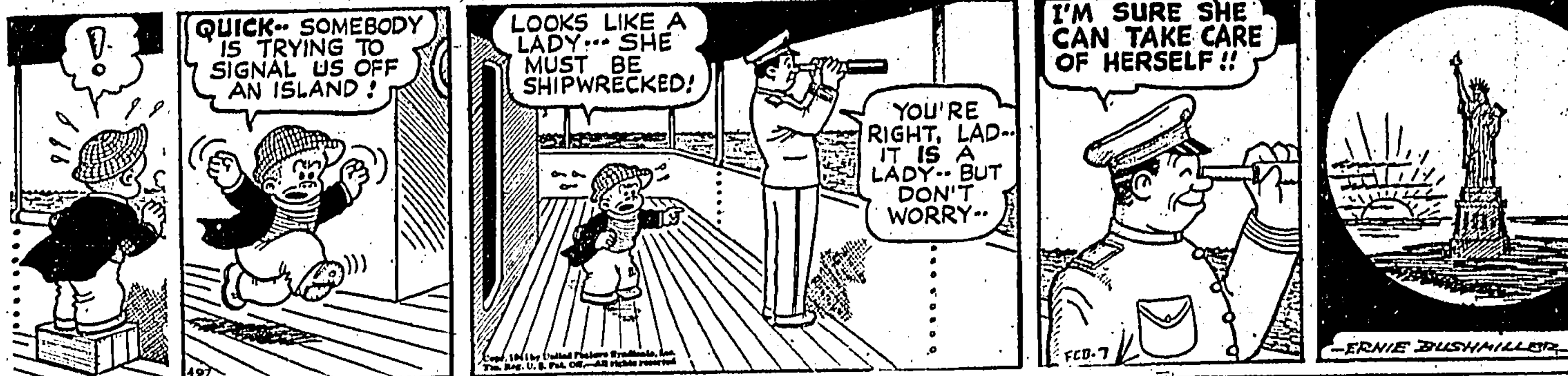
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WILLKIE VISITS KING—Radio picture shows Wendell L. Willkie, left, chatting with King George, in London, after he had tea with the King and Queen Elizabeth.

City Crowd Fled From Collapsing Building

ROYAL ENGINEERS in London working on demolition in the City and passers-by had to run for their lives recently from a collapsing building.

The soldiers, watched by a large crowd, were pulling down the high, battered walls of a burned-out building in Newgate-street, near the corner of St Paul's Churchyard.

A caterpillar tractor hauled in vain on a wire hawser looped on a wall.

Then the caterpillar was moved closer in at a different point, the hawser slung round some projecting brickwork, and the tractor given the "Go."

"Look Out!"

For a while the tractor hauled without result, until there came a yell of "look out!" and the whole face of the building collapsed on top of the tractor.

Soldiers and spectators ran in all directions from the avalanche of debris.

R.C.N. Warship Destroyed

Halifax, Mar. 27.

The loss of the Canadian war vessel Otter, a converted yacht, with two officers and 17 crew members of a complement of four officers and 37 men, was announced today.

The ship was near Sambro Light at the entrance to Halifax Harbour when she was suddenly enveloped in flames and sank in a few minutes. One lifeboat was swamped and it is feared that all in it were lost.

"THE STATESMAN," CALCUTTA, PLEADS: DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA NOW

Pleading that India should make a united effort for a British victory, the Calcutta "Statesman"—which is under European control and has the biggest circulation of any morning newspaper published in India—declares that this united war effort is "not possible unless the colour war is ended."

"India" the writer says, "is geographically, numerically and materially the central factor in such a common effort. She cannot have a secondary place."

"She is entitled to a Government controlling her own soil, which can co-operate freely with the Governments of the United Kingdom and other Dominions without having to take orders from a country and Parliament 6,000 miles away."

"An emergency has arisen. The power of Parliament should be vested in the Viceroy."

"India should be declared a Dominion, and relations with Britain should, as soon as practical, be conducted through the Dominions Office and the Indian High Commissioner."

"If this is done, the Viceroy will be able to get a representative war Government, and internal constitutional settlement will follow as soon as we can draw breath to consider it. Through the wartime collaboration of former opponents, a large part of the difficulty between the princes, the Moslems and the Hindus will then be found to have disappeared."

Reply To M.P.'s Message

A Christmas message from British Parliamentary spokesmen interested in India, appealing for co-operation in the war, is evolving a counter-message from representative Liberal politicians.

This will exhort Britain to declare her decision to grant India immediately after the war Dominion status within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster, in addition to showing, while the war is still on, earnest of British intentions to "do the right thing by India."

HINDU FUNERAL PYRE BUILT ON LOCH BANK

When Kehar Singh, Hindu travelling salesman, died in hospital in Ireland his friends of the Hindu community claimed cremation for him.

There are no crematoriums in Ireland and as it was impossible to take the body across to Britain for cremation, the Northern Ireland Ministry of Home Affairs decided to allow an open-air cremation.

The cremation took place shortly after dawn on the banks of the Loch Foyle, near Londonderry, and was attended by about 20 members of the Hindu community.

The only other spectators were two men, who had been out shooting on the marches, and a police sergeant.

Ashes To Be Scattered
The Hindus built a pyre of logs collected from the countryside. In the middle of this they placed the coffin with the head pointing towards the rising sun.

When the fire was lighted the Hindus recited prayers and sang hymns. Later, two wreaths were thrown on to the waters of Loch Foyle.

Water from the loch was then sprinkled over the coffin. On the third day the Hindus returned and scattered the ashes on Loch Foyle. Some of the bones will be taken away to be thrown into the River, Ganges.

Her Job Is To Advise Bevin

IN view of the extensive wartime employment of women in engineering, Mr Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, has created the post of technical adviser to the Ministry on questions concerning the training of women for munitions work.

He has appointed to his post Miss V. Holmes, who has been associated with the professional side of engineering since 1916.

She has had experience both in Britain and in the United States, and during the last six years has been employed as an experimental designer in engineering research.

She is a member of the Institutions of Mechanical, Locomotive and Marine Engineers, and a past president of the Women's Engineering Society.

Whirlwind—Our Secret Fighter

THE Whirlwind, new British fighter, whose existence Lord Beaverbrook disclosed in a broadcast recently, is one of the fastest planes in the world.

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Whirlwind may soon become as much a household word as Spitfire and Hurricane.

The existence of the Whirlwind has been one of the best-kept secrets of the war.

It is only one of the new type fighters and bombers with which Britain will enter the future months and throw into the battle with the Luftwaffe.

Round-Up of Shipping Spies

THE Australian Government is organising a round-up of spies and Fifth Columnists to prevent the leakage of information to the enemy of shipping movements.

This was revealed by Mr W. M. Hughes, Australian Navy Minister.

He indicated that precautions against leakages of information were being tightened up.

He would instruct the Navy Board to inquire whether too much liberty was being allowed to crews of neutral ships in Australian ports.

Mr Hughes recently announced he was investigating statements by survivors that the Nazi Pacific raiders possessed information indicating that they knew the British Admiralty code for communicating with merchant shipping.

The Australian navy authorities announced that seven Europeans and one Filipino are known to have been killed aboard the ships sunk by the raiders.

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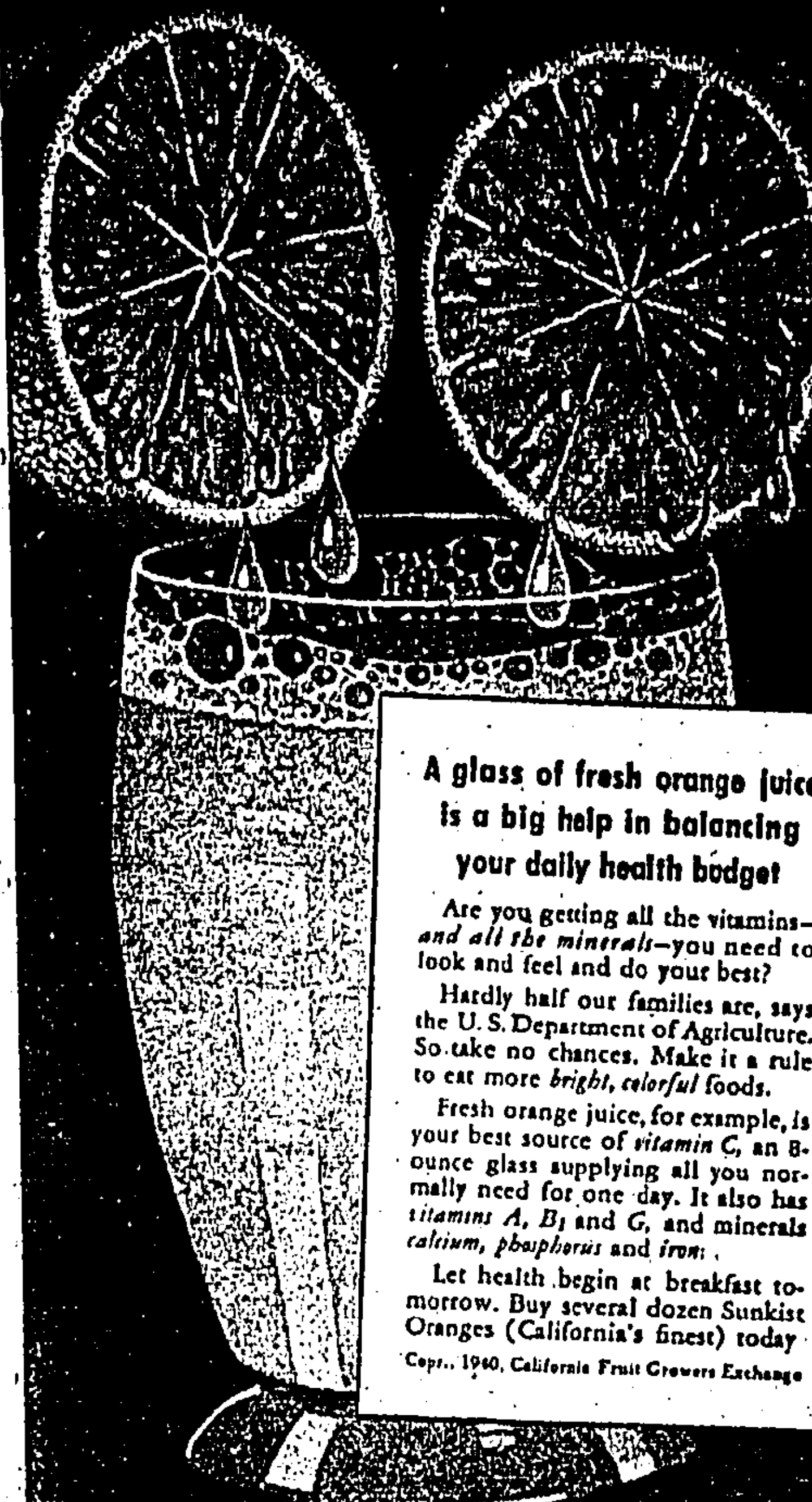
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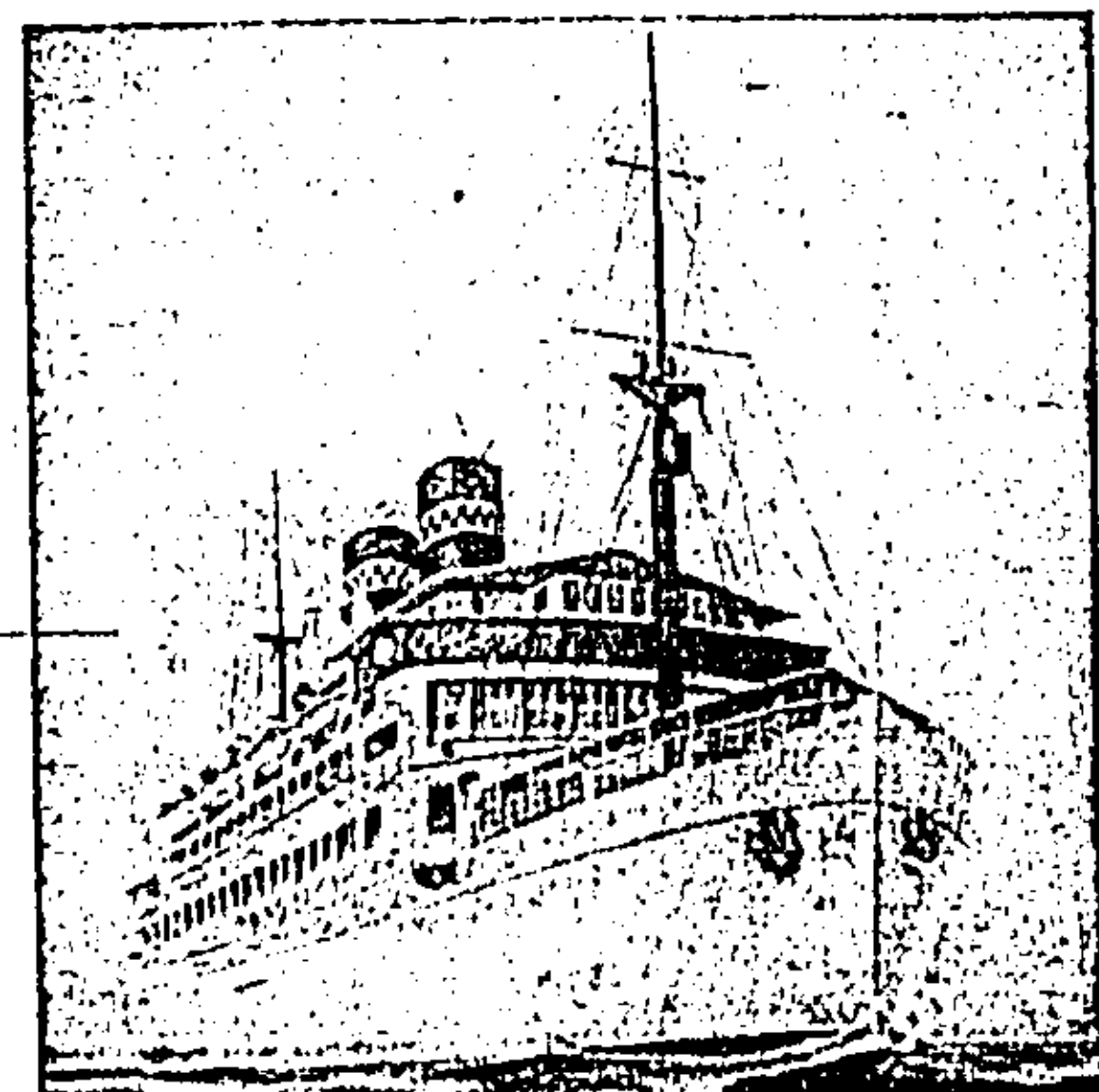
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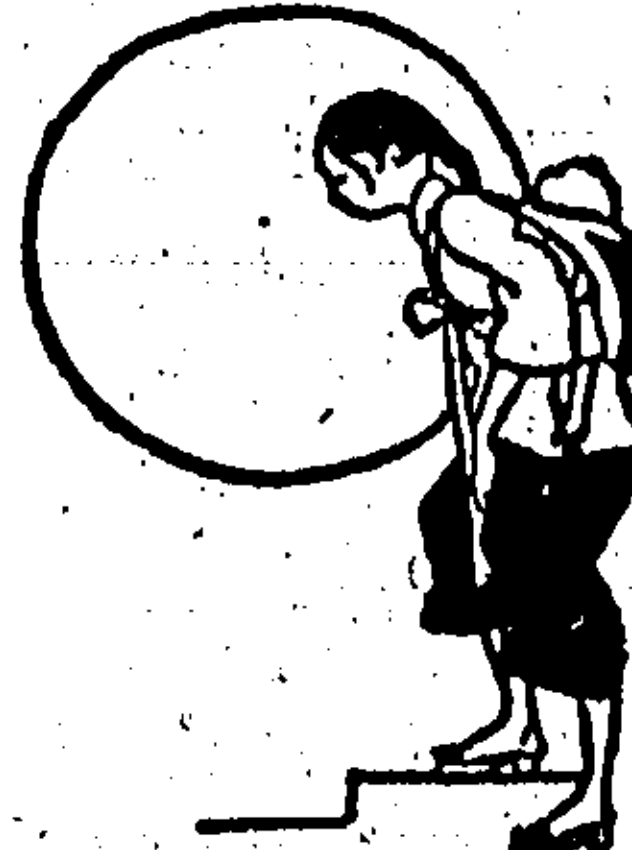
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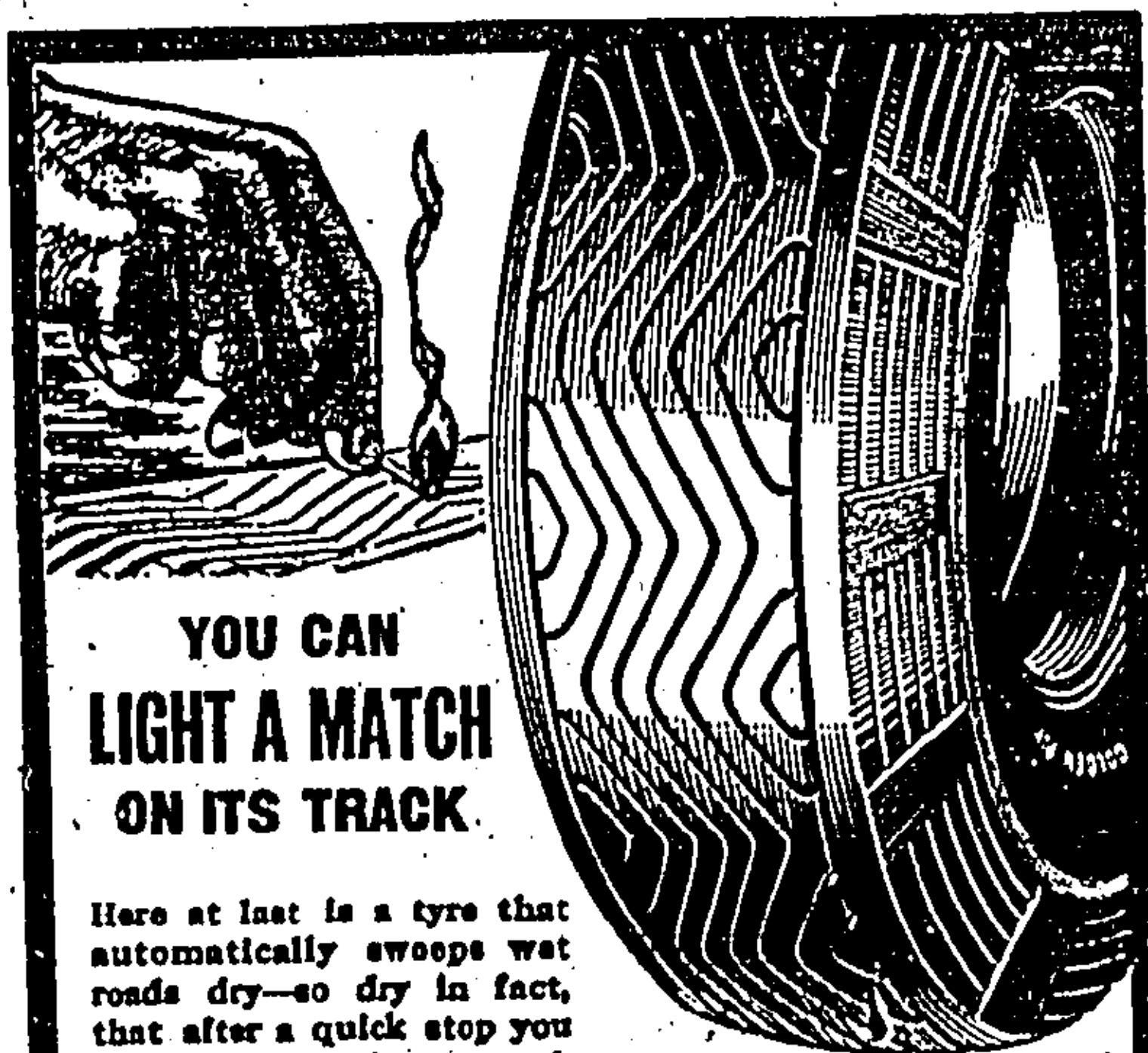
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Americans Give Blood For Air Raid Victims

AMERICANS have become our "blood cousins" in the most literal sense. More than 2,000 of them have given their blood for transfusion to Britain's air raid casualties.

A consignment from the American Red Cross was tested recently by British Government scientists at the National Institute for Medical Research. Later in the day some of it was given to a patient in a big London hospital.

Even before the blitz, the Americans showed their willingness to give their own blood in the service of Hitler's victims. When it was decided to establish "Blood Banks" throughout Britain, so that plenty would be available for transfusion even in the small villages, the Americans volunteered. They helped our medical authorities cover a difficult period. There are plenty of donors in Britain, although in some localities appeals will have to be made for more, but there was a need for "iron rations" of blood.

For Any Case
These take the form of "plasma," that is, blood from which the red corpuscles have been removed. It can be used on any case, without the worry of the "blood groups" into which each of us falls. America sent plasma to be kept in store, it need be for a year or more. Various shipments have arrived in Britain and there may be more to come. But the taking of blood for this purpose was recently stopped in America, by arrangement with the medical authorities here.

The emergency has been met and, with the "near blood" from British donors, the shipping space is being saved.

Every kind of healthy American made a contribution to the supply. It was all pooled—the "blue" blood of the Upper 400 and the number blood of the Bowery.

There will be lots of people in America who, when they hear of another life saved by blood from the United States, will be able to say, "I helped."

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STUDENT DIES OF OPIUM

Told by letter, that he had failed in an examination, an eighteen-year-old Cambridge University student took opium. He was found unconscious in bed, taken to hospital and placed in an iron lung. Next day he died.

At the inquest on John Cameron, son of a woman doctor, of Silver-street, Taunton, Somerset, Miss Clarice Vaughan, dispenser, to the student's mother, said a bottle containing opium pills was found lying on the floor of the hall.

Cameron, when he returned home from Cambridge, was happy and cheerful. The letter from his university saying he had failed in his examination arrived the day he was found unconscious.

The coroner, recording a verdict that Cameron died from opium poisoning self-administered, said he was not satisfied that the youth took the pills with the intention of ending his life.

New Pacific Air Link

Pan American Airways has appointed KNILM as its head agent for the Netherlands East Indies.

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This agreement between the two biggest air concerns having interests in the Pacific is of the greatest advantage to air traffic.

Shaw's Love Letters To Great Actress

THE will of the late famous British actress, Mrs Patrick Campbell, published recently, expressed the wish that a volume be published entitled "the love letters of Bernard Shaw to Mrs Patrick Campbell."

She directed that the letters be published in their proper sequence and not be cut in any way.

In her memoirs before she died Mrs Campbell published a number of hardly serious "love letters" written to her by Shaw in 1912 when the famous playwright was 56.

One in which Shaw apparently referred to himself said:

"Read no more of his letters. He will fill his fountain pen with your heart's blood and sell your most sacred emotions on the stage. He is a mass of imagination with no heart."

Best Of The Bunch

"Forty-five years ago everybody wrote love letters to Mrs Patrick Campbell," Shaw said, commenting on the will. "I knew she thought

mine were the best of the bunch although I myself think those of Burne Jones full of his drawings, were more interesting.

"All of them were married men, quite innocent. Before the copyright expires they will, I hope, provide for the education of her great grandchildren but they must wait until the old gentleman who wrote them can no longer make them ridiculous by their white hairs."

Original Eliza Doolittle

Forty-five years ago Mrs Campbell was 30 and Shaw was 30 and unmarried. Shaw, however, wrote to her as late as 1912. Mrs Campbell was regarded as the original of Eliza Doolittle in Shaw's play, *Pygmalion*.

The Burne Jones, mentioned in Shaw's comment, was the eminent painter, Sir Edward Burne Jones, who died in 1908. Forty-five years ago he was 61.

Philippines May Ban Rice Export

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Mar. 27 (UP).—The Commonwealth government is reported to be considering a ban on the exportation of rice from the Philippines as a precaution against shortage, and to prevent further reduction of the drastically limited shipping facilities for Philippine exports.

Rice dealers in the United States and Canada recently made inquiries as to the possibility of importing large quantities of Philippine rice, and some local dealers are understood to have replied that they were prepared to sell large stocks immediately.

Decreased Production

It is learned that Government circles consider that exportation of rice this year would have injurious effects on the islands, and in this connection it is pointed out that production this year has suffered a decrease, which might lead to a shortage in domestic supplies.

At the same time, bottoms are already lacking for important exports, notably sugar.

Manuel Roxas, Secretary of Finance, has recommended to President Quezon that rice exports be prohibited until the end of 1941, and presidential approval is believed likely.

Lin Yu-tang Fears War's Extension

China can expect American supplies actually commencing this month at the earliest, but China should do all she can to obtain the supplies before the war extends to the Pacific. This is the opinion of the well-known Chinese writer, Mr Lin Yu-tang, in correspondence from Los Angeles to a leading Chinese daily in Shanghai.

In January, the United States sent only 400 planes to the British and the demand is over the supply.

Necessary changes in American factories will take time but the United States is expected to be on the track in the matter of giving supplies in summer and autumn.

20,000 Planes

She will be able to give 20,000 machines at the end of the year. What China ought to do at present is to be sure that part of what the Americans are making now should be reserved for China's use, states Mr Lin. China should obtain the supplies before the war breaks out in the Pacific, for if the war breaks out here the supply will be stopped.

Los Angeles has become an aeroplane "headquarters" where the noise of the machines can be heard even late in evening, says Mr Lin.

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SHIPPING

About Five Million Tons Lost In War

London, Mar. 17. Lloyds reported to-day that British, Allied and neutral ship losses during the first 18 months of the European war totaled nearly 5,000,000 tons. The number of ships lost, it added, was 1,245.

The famous association of English underwriters of marine insurance also reported that Italy-German Axis controlled shipping losses were 422 vessels totaling 2,000,000 tons during the same period of time.

Several days ago Deutsche Dienst, officially inspired Nazi commentary service, asserted that since the start of the war German forces had sunk more than 9,000,000 tons of British shipping. A few days earlier a Nazi high command communiqué said German forces destroyed 2,037,000 tons of British merchant shipping during November and December 1940, and January and February of this year.—Associated Press.

Tribute By Friend To

Flt Lieut Davidson

The following tribute to the late Flight Lieutenant J. P. A. Davidson, son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Davidson of Hongkong, appeared in The Times of January 29, written by H.W.S.:

Jack Davidson's death means the loss of one who appeared to have every chance of a splendid career in the Bar, a career which he had chosen for himself in the same adventurous spirit which impelled him to join the Cambridge University Air Squadron at the first possible opportunity. He left Charterhouse for St John's College, Cambridge, in 1935, and in 1936 he had the distinction of obtaining the only "starred" first of his year in Part II of the Law Tripos. In the same year St John's College awarded him a Macmahon Law Studentship and his law of Court, the Middle Temple, a Harmanworth Law Scholarship. His capacity for concentration upon any subject or sport from law to mountaineering was always a source of amazement to his friends, and many of them, I know, feel that the Bar has lost a young recruit of the greatest ability and promise.

GERMANS AROUSE BITTER FEELING

Letter From London

The following letter, lately received by a Hongkong resident from London, tells of the bitter feelings—so foreign to the British people—aroused by the Nazi air raids. The writer, who was associated for two years with the design of the Spitfire fighter plane, states that there is absolutely no comparison between the R.A.F. and the Germans, either in skill or in the quality of planes.

Life in London for me now consists of:—Work 12 hours, food and relaxation 4 hours, air raid 8 hours, total 24 hours, the letter begins.

Five weeks ago I got a technical job in the "A" Ministry in London. I look out of a delightful sitting room on a delightful "period" street, "Gayton Street" off Smith Square, Westminster. The houses are sixteenth and seventeenth Century, and some almost Venetian in architecture or wood.

The Nazi vandals visited us last Saturday—two H. E. bombs in the street in front of my house, one behind, all within fifty paces. It is a particularly horrible experience at this range—first one hears this very odd noise like falling rain—then a shriek like a rocket which rises at this distance to a tremendous roar—then a noise like crumbling brown paper—and then an explosion and concussion which beggars description—then an age while the debris rains down. The windows cave in and the doors are torn off their hinges; there is a filthy smell of burnt explosive and—the dust—it's unbelievable.

"Things To Come"

We lay, fortunately, in the basement, and listened to the horror, and when it was all over raced down the street to a really deep shelter where we ought to have been before. The street was like a scene from "Things To Come." An awful red glare in the sky—a carpet of broken glass—every window pane gutted. The doors hanging drunkenly on their hinges or torn right off—lamp standards twisted like corkscrews—it seemed incredible that any one could live through it.

Well, you will have known long before you read this, how this has been happening all over London. The reaction is curious—none is afraid, yes—but how one has learned

to hate. I looked at poor little "Gayton Street" and old Smith Square with all these priceless gems of houses torn and shattered, and I swore that no treatment is too bad for the accursed German race—one feels that if one saw one now, one's only desire would be to destroy or at least to prevent him procreating another generation of his beastly countrymen.

Much Mistaken

If they think with their typical misconception of British psychology, that they'll get anywhere by this, they're much mistaken. You've no idea of the bitterness of the passion they're aroused—so foreign to the British race. I think the women would get at them with kitchen knives if they got into London.

The heroism and courage of the people have been marvellous—I could spend the remainder of this letter telling you the stories I heard from one doctor alone, who had been operating on casualties for ten hours.

Sir Echo

I'm afraid this letter will weary you, but I so much want to impress you with the fact that this city and the whole country are implacably and fiercely resolved to see this monstrous regime in Hell where it was bred. As for the Italians—little Sir Echo is Mussolini's name in London. There is absolutely no comparison between the R.A.F. and their opponents in skill, nor is there in the quality of the planes. I feel more than proud to think that I was associated for two years with the design of the Spitfire.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: A demand for stocks at quotations met with only small response from holders, the market closing with a firmer tone.

Buyers	
Bank of East Asia	\$70
Union Ins.	\$427.50
Wharves S.D.	\$80.50
Docks "O"	\$14.50
Providents	\$5.20
Hotels	\$3.15
Lands	\$31.00
Realities	\$3
Trams	\$18.30
Lights "O"	\$6.20
Lights "N"	\$1.75
Electric C. Rts	\$39.50
Maeco Electrics "O"	\$18.25
Maeco Electrics "N"	\$17.25
Telephones "O"	\$24.25
Telephones "N"	\$9
Entertainments	\$7
Sellers	
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$186
Cements	\$18
Ropes	\$7.40
Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$7,337.50
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$183
Trams	\$16.50
Lights "O"	\$6.20
Electric C. Rts	\$39.75
Telephones "O"	\$24.25
Cements	\$17.80

Quiet Afternoon

There will be a quiet afternoon of meditation and prayer in St John's Cathedral on Saturday, March 29, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., conducted by the Rt Rev. R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

There will be tea at 4.15 p.m. It would be appreciated if those who intend to be present would write on telephone their intention to the Cathedral office, 20706, if they have not already done so.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Schumann—Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17—1st Mov. In modo fantasia—Allegretto—Tempo primo; 2nd Mov. Moderato, Sempre energico; 3rd Mov. Andante sostenuto....William Backhaus (Piano).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Tony Martin (Vocal).

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 John Bass (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea Shanties—Blow the Man down; Tom's Gone to Hilo (arr. Terry); Agincourt; Here's a Health unto his Majesty; Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); Shenandoah (arr. Terry).

2.00 Marcel Palotti at the Organ. Jan Klepura Film Melodies; Musica Proibita (Castaldon); La Danza (Rossini).

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music by The Organ, The Dance Band and Mr. Benny Goodman and His Orchestra; Geraldo and His Orchestra; Gerald and His Gang; Tango Orchestra; Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.20 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

7.40 Studio—Talk on the Rotary Flag Day by His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor.

7.45 Student Songs—Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn); The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. H. M.); Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus. My Old Shako (Barron and Trotter). Malcolm McEachern (Bass) with Piano. Clementine; Solomon Levi; There's a Tavern in the Town; John Peck; Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Dance Music.

8.15 Studio—"A Motor Tour Through The Balkans"—Talk by Mr B. E. Sugars.

8.35 Variety by Albert Sandier and His Orchestra; The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra; Turner Layton; Gerald and His Accordeon Band; and Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Excerpts from Wagner's "The Valkyrie" Arranged by Leopold Stokowski—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) as Wotan.

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Tchakowsky—Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique").

1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov. Allegro con grazia; 3rd Mov. Allegro molto vivace; 4th Mov. Adagio lamentoso-Andante; Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

11.00 Close Down.

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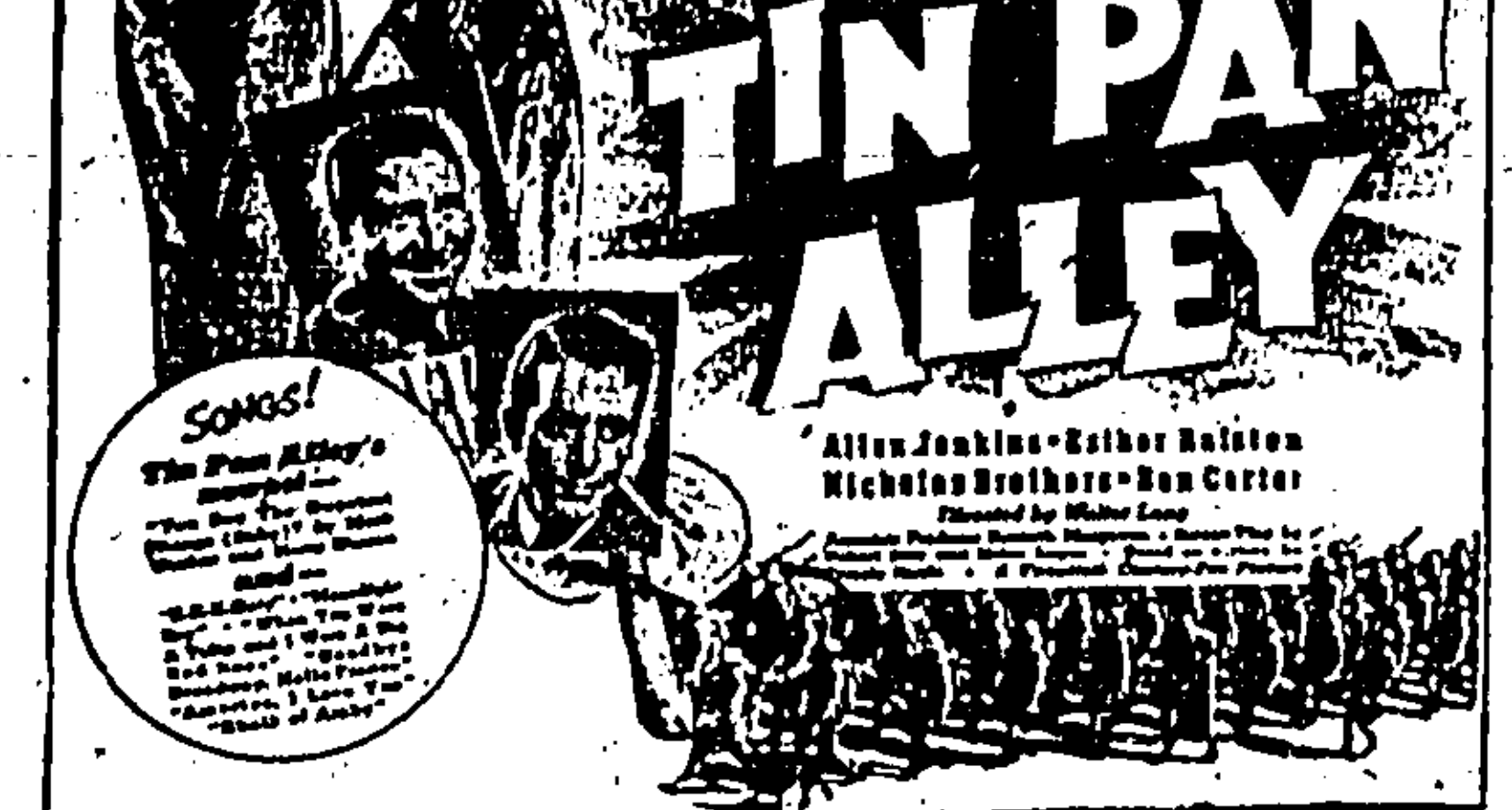
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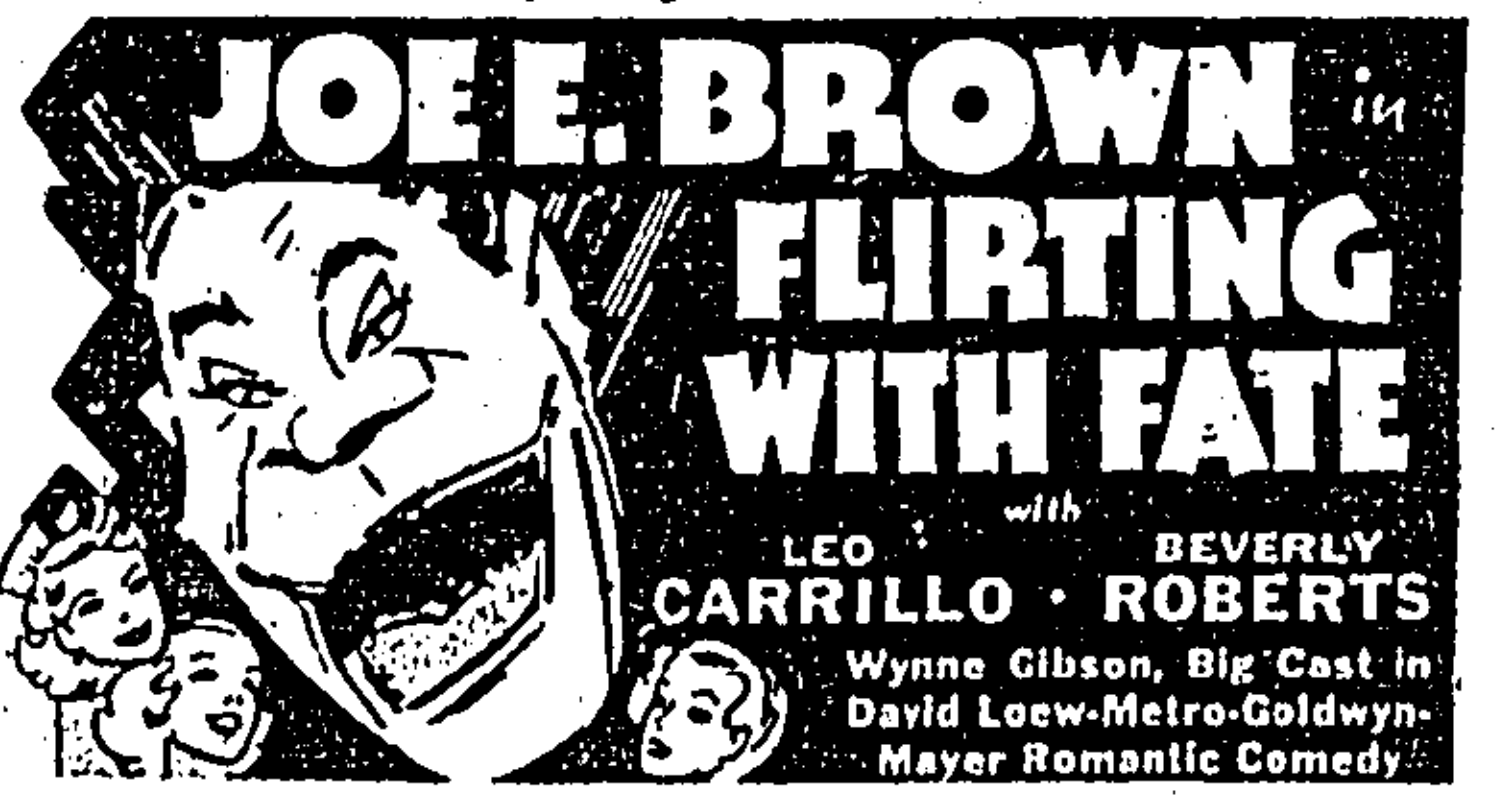
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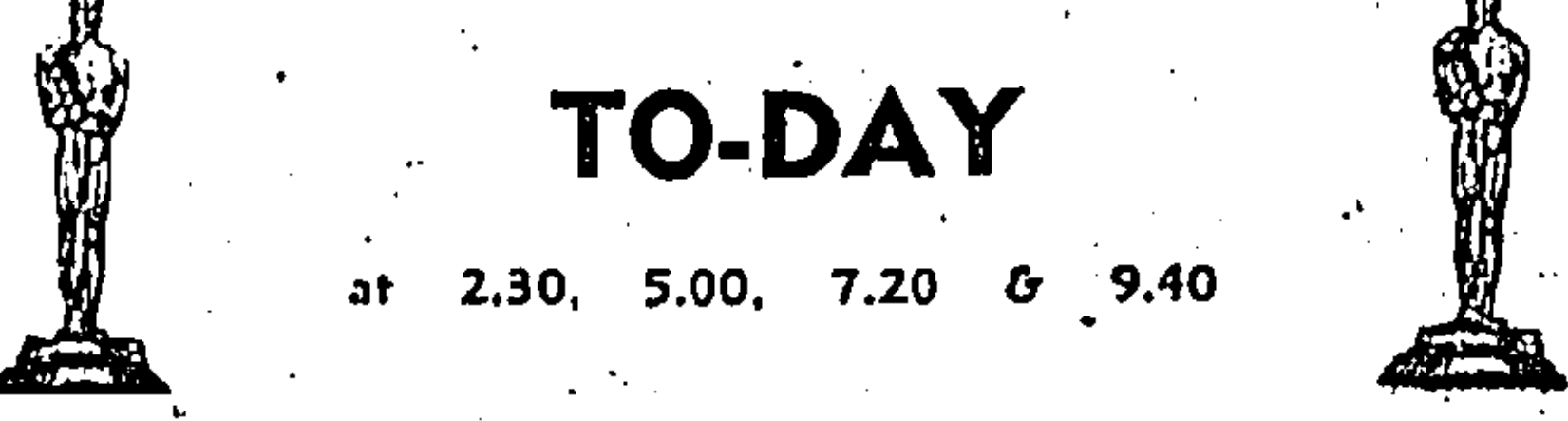
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ingly brilliant tactics of the British General. After his capture of Sidi Barrani on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, he diverted two forces which had captured this place, one of which was entirely Indian, southwards to the Sudan. Their task was to undertake operations from Kassala on the Eritrean border from where the attack on Keren really began.

Few commanders have ever risked such an operation with a distance to traverse in between of more than 1,000 miles over desert country.

Oldest Italian Colony

The Headquarters of Mussolini's oldest Colony is in British hands with the fall of Keren. The British forces found this mountain fortress one of the toughest obstacles in the whole campaign against East Africa. It was the last barrier to the icy base of Asmara, the Eritrean capital, 75 miles along the railway to the east end of Massawa, a valuable Eritrean port. Keren has been the only vital Italian position to make any stand against the swift, humane blows of the British Imperial forces in Africa.

For weeks the armies of the Sudan prepared, waiting on the last stretch of the Eritrean plain with an apparently insurmountable obstacle before them. A ridge of solid rock 1,000 feet high confronted them. The ridge whose sheer precipices offered magnificent, defence positions is crowned by a series of narrow head peaks. Military experts recognized Keren as one of the most naturally impregnable fortresses of the war.

Formidable Ordinance

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Italy's most formidable ordinance guarded every summit at Keren; machinegun nests abounded and strong points were cunningly arranged.

A military spokesman said tonight that one-third of the forces in Mussolini's East African empire—consisting of some 60-70,000 troops—were estimated to be defending Keren. Their defeat might well lead to the general crumbling of the remainder of the forces at the disposal of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia.

The fall of Keren, added the spokesman, would be a tremendous blow to Italian prestige and morale. It would be possible to defend equally formidable peaks every five miles between Keren and Addis Ababa but this was unlikely since Keren had been Italy's showpiece. Hopes were now running high in Cairo that Mussolini's battered armies would be unable to hold out until the rains.

LATE NEWS

R. A. F. Harry Italians

South Africans Bring Down Two Fighters

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—British and South African warplanes are continuing to harry the Italians in East Africa.

R.A.F. and South African bombers severely attacked the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway again yesterday, says an R.A.F. communiqué, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged enemy motor transport near Gondar.

Enemy positions in the hills around Keren were again heavily and frequently bombed.

South African fighters shot down two Fiat fighters in this area.

Socialist Editor Shot By Nazis

NEWS has been received of the execution by the Nazis of the well-known Polish Socialist leader, Mieczyslaw Niedzialkowski.

He was arrested by the Nazis in Warsaw on Christmas Eve in 1939 and was shot in Palmira, near Warsaw, after several months in a concentration camp.

Niedzialkowski, who was 46, was formerly editor of the "Robotnik" and Polish representative on the Socialist International.

His political activities date back to the Great War, when he led the Polish workers against the German occupation of central Poland.

Matsuoka's Conference

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In accordance with the Tripartite Pact was confirmed. This applied, he said, to the east as well as the west. Anyone entering the war must be regarded as an enemy of the "great allied Powers."

Questioned by foreign journalists, the spokesman added: "It is difficult to separate diplomatic from military affairs. To-day's talk covered the scope of the whole war against Britain."

Italian Envoy

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—According to the Rome wireless, Mr. Matsuoka received the Italian Ambassador in Berlin to-day. They had a long and cordial conversation, it is stated.

Planes, Ships, Tanks To Britain

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Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Harry Hopkins.

Perhaps the first action under the measure will be the repairing of British warships in the American navy yards for which \$200,000,000 has been provided. There are numerous recent reports that British war craft are nearing the Atlantic coast in order to take advantage of such provisions. It is understood that Britain has been promised 400 merchant ships under the \$621,000,000 appropriation for building vessels of all types.

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GERMANY WORRIED BY LATEST TURN IN BALKANS SITUATION New Yugo-Slav Premier Forms His Cabinet



King Peter II of Yugo-Slavia, with Prince Regent Paul. The young King yesterday accomplished a coup when he assumed his royal powers and deposed the Prince Regent, following the latter's agreement of Yugo-Slavian adherence to the tri-Power pact with Germany.

Special to the "Telegraph"
BERLIN, MAR. 27 (UP).—IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT GERMANY HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED BELGRADE TO INDICATE IMMEDIATELY, WHETHER OR NOT YUGO-SLAVIA WILL ENDORSE THE TRI-POWER PACT.

Prince Peter Takes Over

BELGRADE, MAR. 27 (UP).—THE NEW GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER AUTHORITY AT 2 A.M. TO-DAY AND KING PETER II ASSUMED ROYAL POWER AT 3 A.M., WHEN HE ISSUED HIS PROCLAMATION. YUGO-SLAVIAN MOBILISATION HAS BEEN ACCELERATED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON.

THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN MINISTERS VISITED THE NEW GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING AND WERE INFORMED THAT YUGO-SLAVIA DESIRES TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AND ITALY.

The former Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Cvetkovitch and M. Cincar-Markovitch respectively, and other Government officials, were at first detained at the police station, but according to the latest reports they are now at General Staff Headquarters, and it is believed that they will be subjected to house detention.

At 8 a.m. King Peter drove through the city alone and was deliriously acclaimed. Many quarters asserted that it is perfectly obvious that the new Government is a spontaneous expression of the people's will, reacting to recent events.

The American and British flags were hung on buildings and one American flag, garlanded with flowers, was cheered lustily when carried through the streets.

Prince Paul left by train last night intending to go to his country estate near the German frontier, but he was stopped at Sisak near Zagreb and was turned back. He is now reported to be in the White Palace.

The "United Press" correspondent was telephoning this message to Zurich at 9.30 on Thursday night and the streets were still completely filled with people shouting "Down with the pact! Down with the Heineken Down with Hitler!"

New Cabinet

BELGRADE, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—The new Cabinet has been completed by General Simovitch, with himself as Prime Minister.

The three members who resigned from the former cabinet as a protest against the signing of the Tripartite Pact return to office. They are M. Kulovetz, who becomes Minister of Public Works; M. Tschubrikovitch, who becomes Minister of Agriculture; and M. Budshlevitch, who resumes office as Minister of the Interior.

The Croat leader, Dr. Matchek, becomes the first Vice-Premier. Although he was a member of the previous Cabinet and a party to the adherence to the Tripartite Pact, he has always opposed subservience to Germany.

Dr. Yovanovitch, appointed second Vice-Premier, was among those who

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Figures Of Momentous Battle Of 84 Days Fought By R.A.F.

LONDON, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—The story of the most momentous battle in the history of mankind when for 84 days the Germans tried all they knew to carry out their avowed object of ending the war within a few months—is told officially for the first time in a pamphlet issued to-day by the Air Ministry.

The fateful period was August 8 to October 31 last and the full story has amplified and corroborated Mr Churchill's famous testimony to the R.A.F.: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed to so few by so many."

In contrast to all previous major world conflicts with the roar of guns, flash of shells, fountains of erupting earth, in this battle the only outward sign was a pattern of white vapour trails, four, five and sometimes six miles above the ground by aircraft flying over 300 miles an hour.

They were like diamond specks in the sunlight while the population continued their normal activities.

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Planes, Ships, Tanks To Flow To Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

ABOARD U.S.S. BENSON, MAR. 27 (UP).—President Roosevelt, aboard the Presidential yacht Patomac which is cruising in Florida waters, has signed the \$7,000,000,000 bill which will start a flow of war planes, ships, tanks, food and other materials to Britain and her Allies.

A military plane brought the bill to the yacht from Washington just before noon to-day. The President's signature on the bill

has released funds for a gigantic arms programme to transform the United States into an "arsenal for democracy."

Defence officials are already working on schedules envisaging the production of 80,000 planes by the summer of 1943 and also the production of fleets of merchant ships and armaments, the quantity of which has exceeded the imagination of only a few months ago.

The Administration is arranging to create an over-all clearing house to handle the vast arms needs for British-American accord. The Office of Production Management announced that the joint programme already totals \$39,177,800,000 while Britain has already placed \$3,511,000,000 worth of war orders in the United States. It is expected that when the programme is fully underway within a few months, it will be producing war equipment twice as fast as Germany and will be employing 5,000,000 more men within one year.

Possible First Action

The inter-Departmental group which is charged with the general direction of the Lend and Lease Bill are Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State; Colonel Henry Stimson, Secretary of War; Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy; Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury and Mr Harry Hopkins. Perhaps the first action under the measure will be the rearing of

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LATEST

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Mr Churchill Signs Leases Conceding Atlantic Bases

LONDON, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—In a felicitous atmosphere, the Anglo-American agreement for leasing Atlantic bases to the United States was signed in Downing Street, this afternoon.

Mr Winston Churchill made a happy gesture to the American signatories by using four special fountain pens which were afterwards presented to Mr John G. Winant, the American Ambassador, and three colleagues as mementoes.

Each recipient's name was engraved on each pen.

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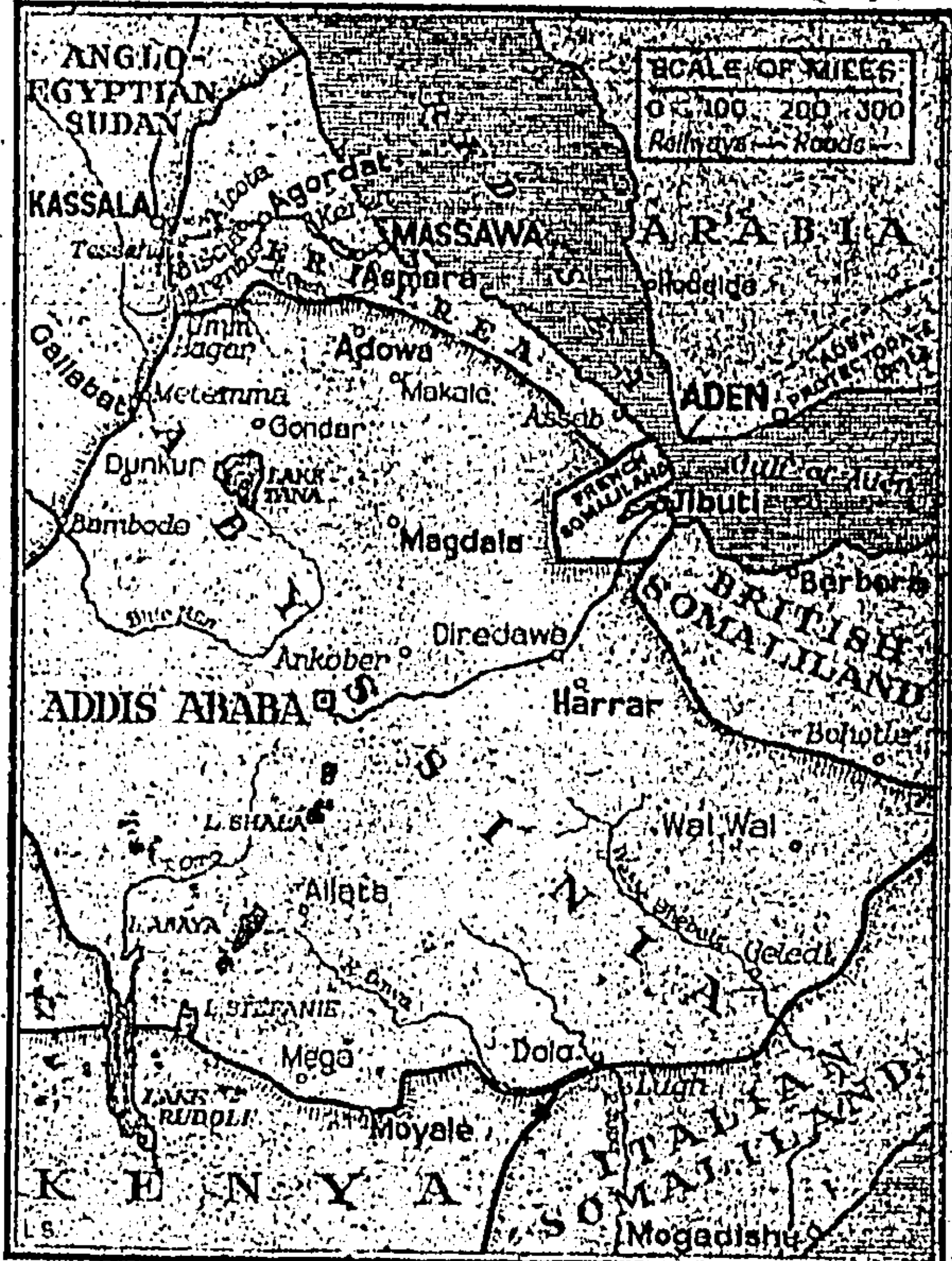
LONDON, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—The text of the Anglo-American Lease Bases agreement, signed to-day, was issued together with an official statement.

The statement says that the signing of the agreement, coming so soon after the passing of the Lease and

Lend Act, "marks one more stage in the development of the policy of good-neighbourliness and friendly co-operation to which the two democracies in their common interests have devoted themselves."

"British interests are no less than American and the interests of the colonies themselves, where the bases are situated, and Canada and Newfoundland will be served by the arrangement under which the fullest and freest facilities possible should be given to the United States in order that they may ensure what the Prime Minister described as security against the dangers of the future."

"The leasing of these bases represents further and very real contributions by the territories concerned to the Allied cause and defence against tyranny."



BRITISH SEIZE KEREN & HARAR

CAIRO, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—Two tremendous new successes by British Imperial armies in Africa were announced officially to-night.

The first is the capture of the mountain fortress of Keren, which was beleaguered for the past seven weeks and the fall of which no doubt seals the fate of Eritrea, if not also Abyssinia.

Hot-footed on this comes the second news—the capture of Harar, the second largest town in Abyssinia.

While part of the Imperial Army was sweeping up to grab Mussolini's eagle in Eritrea, another force was rushing forward with typical "Wavell blitz" speed into the heart of Abyssinia.

Only a few days ago, fighting was still taking place at Marda Pass which barred the route to Harar. To-day this town is in British hands. One more prize remains to be taken before the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days, which British columns are advancing from all directions.

Official Communique
CAIRO, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—The capture of Keren and Harar is announced in a communique.

"Eritrea: After heavy fighting for nearly a fortnight under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and country, British and Indian troops, admirably supported by the R.A.F., have again defeated a numerically superior enemy force and occupied Keren."

"Abyssinia: Harar is in our hands."

Tons of Bombs Dropped
CAIRO, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communique states that 120 tons of bombs were dropped on Keren by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days.

Enemy Fought Well
(BY "REUTERS" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, MAR. 27.—Italy's African Empire is now in the hands of General Sir Archibald Wavell and

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CAPTURE OF GAMBELA

African & Belgian Troops Score

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, MAR. 27 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique states that African and Belgian troops have captured Gambela in Abyssinia. This clears the Baro salient of enemy forces.

The communique added, "In southern Abyssinia, our pursuit of the retreating Italian forces is continuing in all sectors."

with the fall of Keren, he is free to fight another enemy.

The Italians fought at Keren as they had never fought before in the history of their race. They fought superbly—and now they have been beaten only because of the outstandingly brilliant tactics of the British General.

General Wavell did an astonishing thing. After his capture of Sidi Barrani on the Egyptian-Libyan

R.A.F. Attacks May Force Nazis to Abandon Berlin

LONDON, MAR. 27 (Reuter).—From Zurich comes a report that German preparations to move the Reich's capital from Berlin to Vienna were seen to-day in the mass expulsion of Jews and Czechs from Vienna.

The capital will be shifted should the Royal Air Force succeed in organising extensive bombing of Berlin, it is believed. The Germans are expecting the bombing to be intensified because of increased British production and the arrival of more American-made long distance bombers.

American Bombers

The "Chicago Sunday Times" says that whatever Germany can do to stop the growing threat of Britain's new American bombers must be done at once. German civilians are wondering where the R.A.F. will strike

Steel Production

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that the United States Steel Corporation is employing more workers than it ever used before and is producing much more steel for arms production than during the World War.

Irving Olds, the Chairman, announced that the mills are running at 99 per cent of their theoretical capacity and they are sending large quantities to Britain.

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Month's Record

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held on March 28, the Case Report showed that 200 new cases, involving 378 children, had attended the Society's Centres. During the month, 6,427 visits had been made to the Centres by persons needing assistance.

The Finance Report showed an expenditure of \$3,100 for the month of February, the continued increase in expenses being due to the higher price of milk and other necessities.

It was reported that an unwanted baby girl of two months had been placed in the B.C.M.S. at Fanning. Two orphan boys aged nine and seven respectively had been accommodated at the King's Park Camp, and another of twelve years sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for medical treatment prior to being placed in the Bethel Mission.

The Society was also instrumental, on behalf of a member of the public, in arranging for three boys to be admitted to the St. Louis Industrial School where, in due course, they will be taught a trade.

Mr. C. G. Solis, Chairman, extended a welcome to Dr. Graham Cumming who had accepted an invitation to serve on the Committee.

CONSTABLE WANG TEH

Police Executives Attend Officer's Funeral

The funeral service for Constable Wang Teh, who died of knife wounds in a brush with tree thieves on March 24, took place yesterday at the Tung Wah Yee Chong Repository. The remains will be sent back to Wang's village in Shantung. Chief mourners at the funeral were the widow and two daughters. Others present included many members of the Police Force and Police Reserve, including Hon. Mr. G. G. Perdue, Mr. W. P. Thompson, Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods, Inspectors R. Whant, F. D. B. Tuckett, J. R. McWalter.

The death has occurred of Mr. John Barr Affleck, former British consul-general in Tientsin, reports Reuter from London. He was 62 years old.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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21st March, 1941.

NOTICE

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23th March, 1941.

QUIET AFTERNOON

There will be a quiet afternoon of meditation and prayer in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, March 29, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. conducted by the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

There will be tea at 4.15 p.m. It would be appreciated if those who intend to come would write or telephone to the Cathedral Office, 20796, if they have not already done so.

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Admirals On Merits

The system of promotion to rear-admiral, which has been in vogue in the Royal Navy since the reign of Queen Anne, is to be radically changed.

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The Admiralty has decided to widen the field of selection for promotion so that captains of outstanding merit may rise to Flag rank earlier than is now possible.

Under the present system, promotions to rear-admiral are made half-yearly from the top of the captains list.

The new scheme will permit the Admiralty to select captains from the upper five years of the list for promotion to rear-admiral without consideration of their place on the list.

G. R.

A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade Rules.

Particulars of service, etc. may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application, in writing, for the post, should reach that Officer by noon, Monday, 7th April, 1941.

Applicants must be British subjects and of British race.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tytam Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with a option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorized officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Ambulance & Canteens

For Britain And China

The Rotary Club of Hongkong is holding a flag day to-morrow, when it hopes to raise a considerable sum for the purchase of motor ambulances and mobile canteens. The sum raised will be divided equally, one half being sent to Rotary International in England, and the other to Chinese headquarters. One mobile canteen has already been bought and is now operating in England.

Within a fortnight local Rotarians raised \$6,500 and have added considerably to that amount since, by other means. Thus a Rotary Dinner, a Cabaret Dance, a football match have all yielded considerable sums for the good cause.

The Club has secured the whole-hearted co-operation of various organisations and of the ladies of the Colony in order to ensure the success of this flag day, which will be the final, and it hopes the biggest financial success of all.

The need in Britain and in China for these motor vehicles is obvious. Cities are being bombed daily in both countries, with the result that thousands of people are killed and wounded or rendered homeless. Motor ambulances therefore are in urgent demand in both countries. Mobile canteens serve those who have been bombed out of their homes as well as soldiers keeping watch in lonely posts.

Sir Alfred Macgregor, Chief Justice, will broadcast an appeal on behalf of the fund this evening at 7.40 p.m.

Peak School

Women May Not Return

It was authoritatively learned yesterday morning that the main reason for the re-opening of the Peak School was the fact that about 17 foreign children have been making use of the premises for some time now under private tuition, and, as there were several British children included in this group, it was suggested that Government appoint two teachers.

It was also learned yesterday that several applications for permission for Government women teachers now away from Hongkong, to return in order to fill essential services posts, had been refused by the Evacuation Tribunal.

Roosevelt Signs

Washington, Mar. 27.
President Roosevelt signed the Lend and Lease Bill to-day, United Press.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	430
T.T. Singapore	420
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	42 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	20
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,335 b.
H.K. Banks £	74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile & A. & B. £	21 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 b.

INSURANCES

Canton	222 1/2 n.
Union	430 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	180 s.

SHIPPING

Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	0 n.
Indo-China P. S.	80 b.
Indo-China D. S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	41 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.
Wharves s. x.d.	80 b.
Docks (old) s. x.d.	15 1/2 b.
Providents s.	54 b.
Shal Dockyards	28 1/2 n.

MINING

Kallan s/-	15/- n.
Raub's s. x.d.	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels	315 b.
Lands	31.00 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh. S.	12 n.
Humphreys	0.70 b.
H.K. Realities s.	3 b.
Chinese Estates s. x.d.	80 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	10 1/2 sa.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Peak Ferries s.	54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries s.	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	6.20 b. & sa.
China Lights (new)	1 1/4 b.
H.K. Electric s.	39 1/4 b. & sa.
Macao Electric (old)	18 1/4 b.
Macao Electric (new)	17 1/4 b.
Sandakan Lights s.	13 n.
Telephones (old) s. c.d.	24 1/2 sa.
Telephones (new) s. c.d.	8.05 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$.30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$.25 n.
Canton-Icos	1.1 n.
Cements	10 s.
H.K. Ropes s. x.d.	7.40 s.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms s. x.d.	17 n.
Watsons s. x.d.	9.70 b.
Lane Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Singapore	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd. s.	1.80 n.

COTTON MILLS

Evo Sh	45 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. s.	200 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 b.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling s. x.d.	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	0.73 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: A demand for stocks at quotations met with only small response from holders, the market closing with a firmer tone.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia	\$70
Union Ins.	\$427.50
Wharves s. x.d.	\$80.50
Docks "O"	\$10.50
Providents	\$5.20
Hotels	\$3.15
Lands	\$31.00
Realties	\$3
Trams	\$10.30
Lights "O"	\$0.20
Lights "N"	\$1.75
Electric C. Its	\$39.50
Macao Electric "O"	\$18.25
Macao Electric "N"	\$17.25
Telephones "O"	\$24.25
Telephones "N"	\$9
Entertainments	\$7

Sellers

H.K. Fire Ins.	\$180
Cements	\$18
Ropes	\$7.40

Sales

H.K. Banks	\$1,337.50
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$109
Trams	\$10.50
Lights "O"	\$0.20
Electric C. Its	\$39.75
Telephones "O"	\$24.25
Cements	\$17.80

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ZBW, 355 metres (845 kc.) and 31.45 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

Tchaikowsky Symphony No. 6 the "Pathétique"

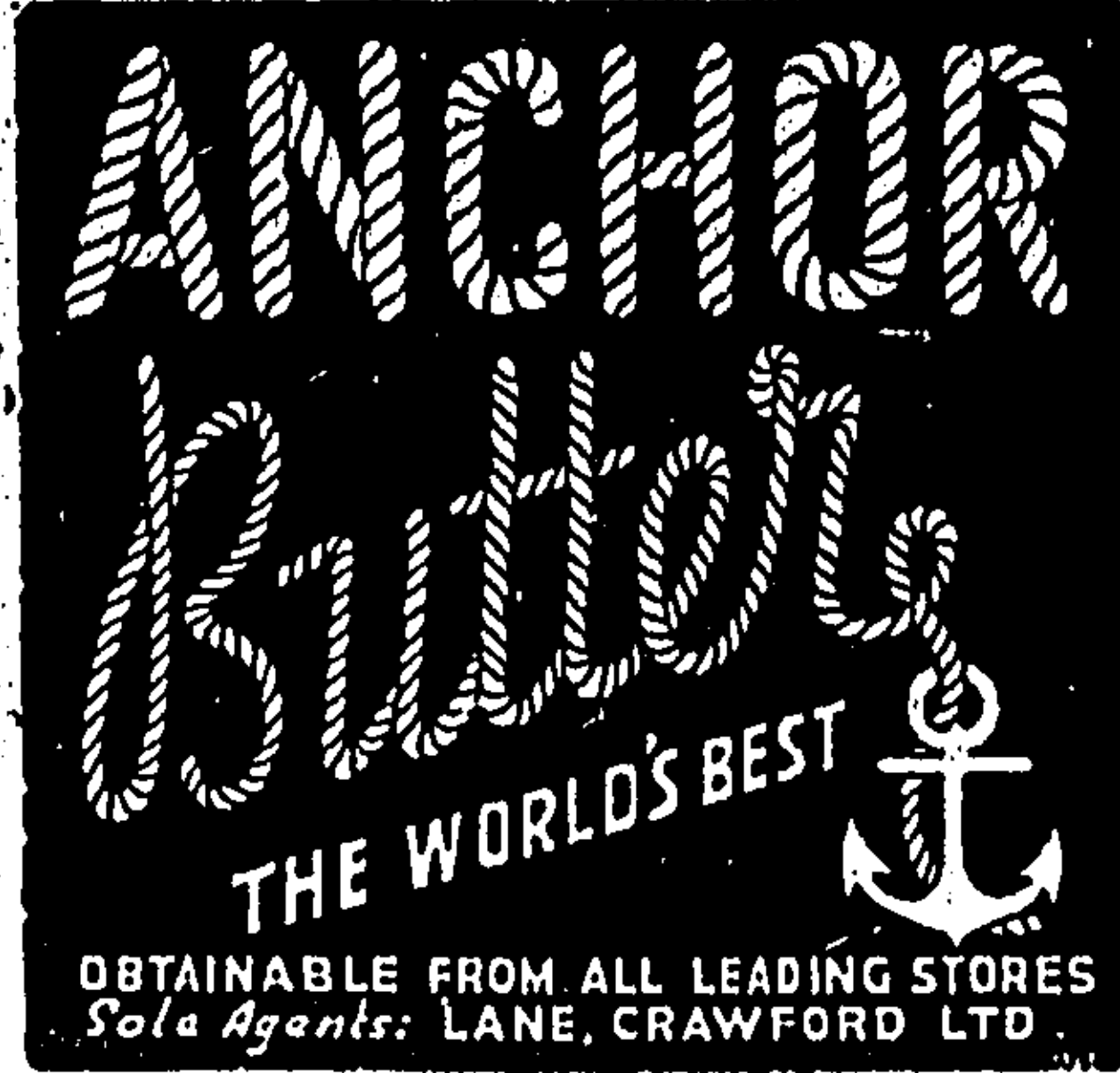
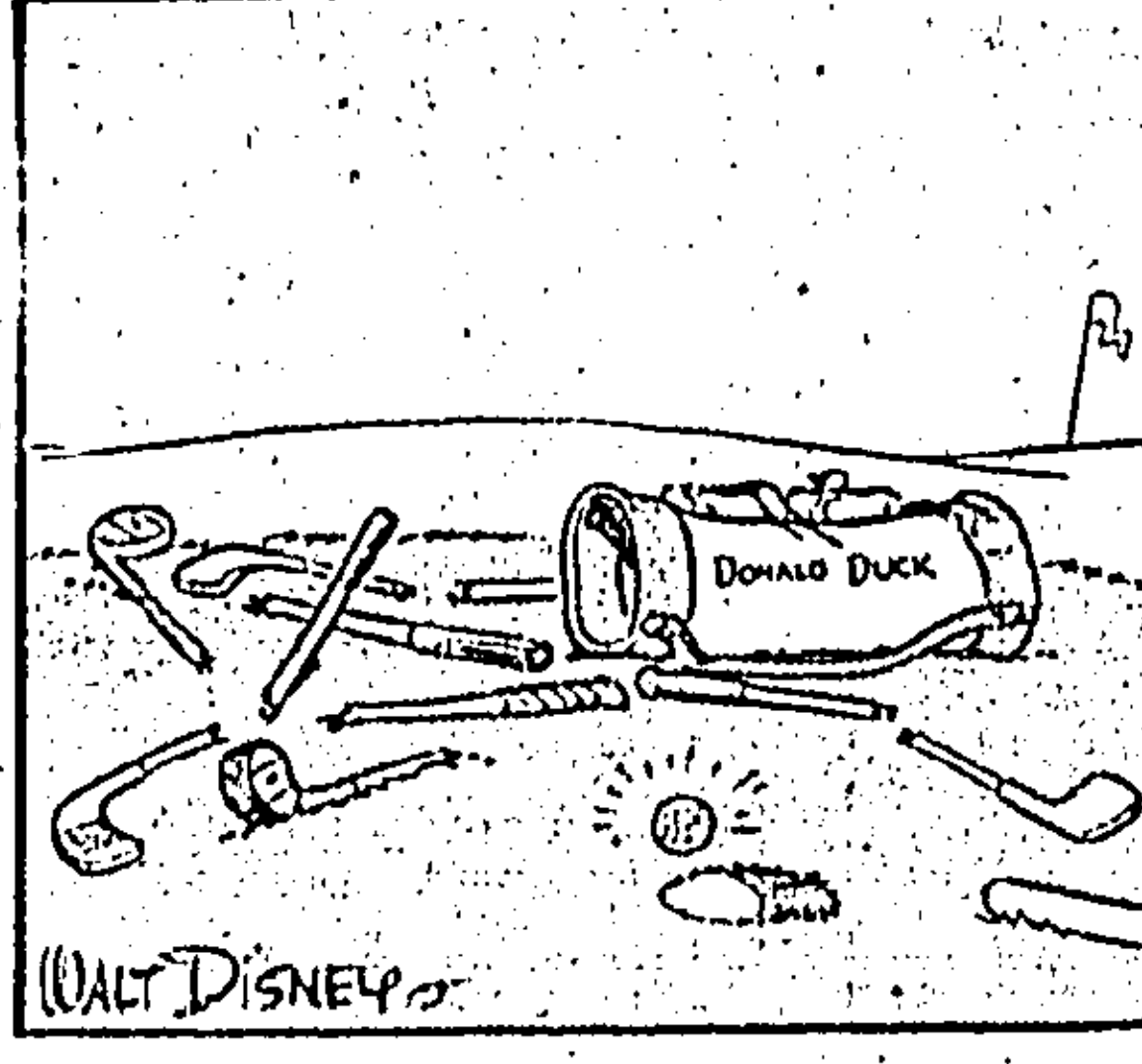
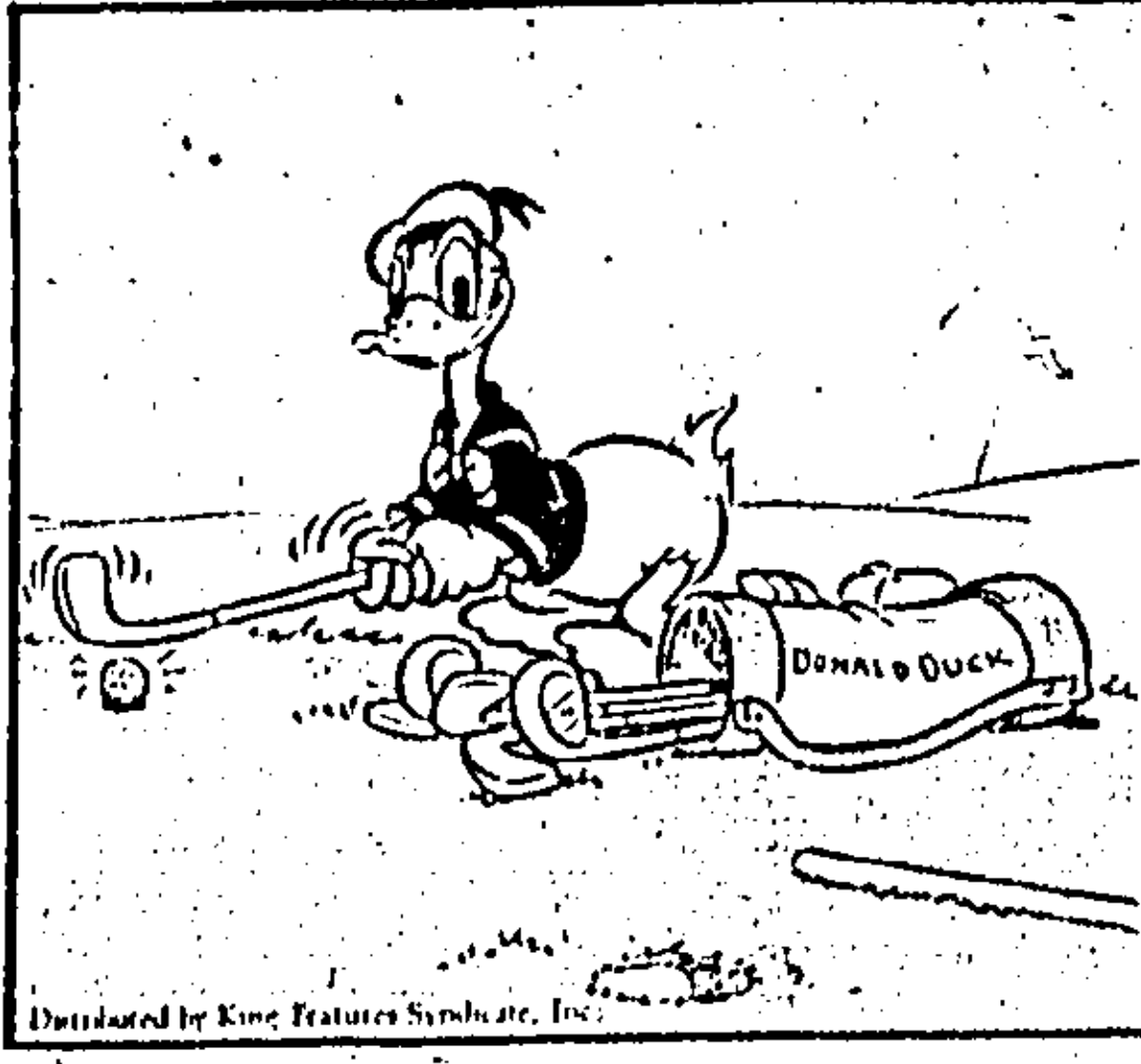
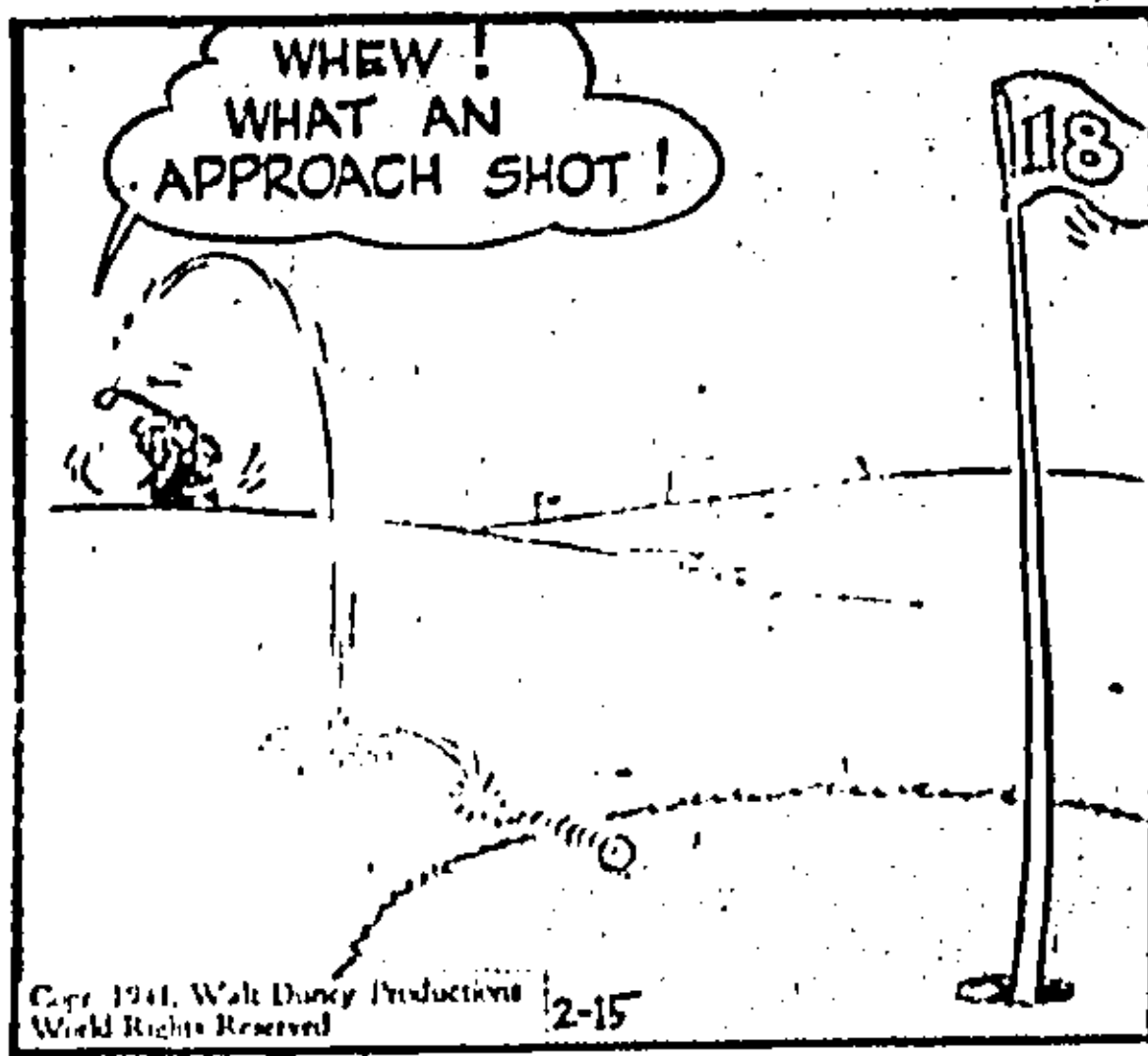
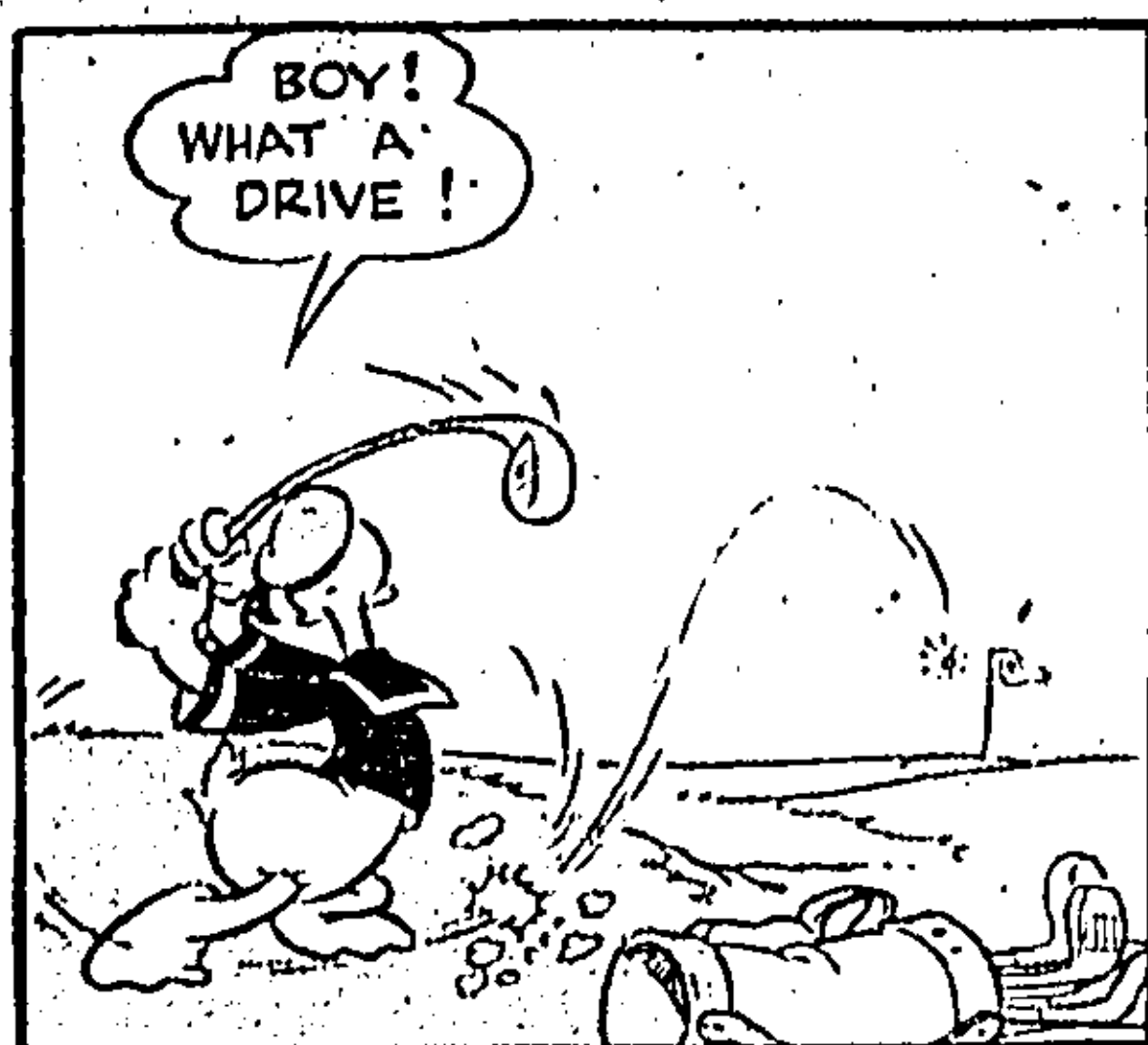
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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Schumann—Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17—1st Mov: In modo antistatico—Allegretto—Tempo primo; 2nd Mov: Moderato, Sempre energico; 3rd Mov: Andante sostenuto... William Backhaus (Piano).
1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Tony Marlin (Vocal).
1.30 Rugby and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 John Hess (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea Shanties—Blow the Man down; Tom's Gone to Hills (arr. Terry); Agincourt; Here's a Health unto his Majesty; Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan); The Grandee; Dilly Day (arr. Terry); Shenandoah (arr. Terry).
2.00 Marcel Palotti at the Organ.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Daughter writes that she and her new husband are just too, too happy!—I simply must go and visit them!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Contrite persons
- Journers
- Alps
- Biblical word
- Lincoln's nickname
- One of Buddha's tales
- Once around track
- Ladum
- Peninsula
- Reclamation
- Drinking counter
- Pulse animal
- Theater of ancient Greece
- Great tooth
- Agreement
- Clergyman
- Medicine tool
- Per
- Sharp part of plant
- Conjecture for omens
- Strong brew
- Musical instruments
- Guitar-like instrument
- Past automobile
- Come in
- Theodore
- Die down
- New seeds again
- Head man
- Quishing bow
- Philippine islands
- Worthless remnant
- Oward
- All of us
- In India, Hindu woman's garment
- French feminine article
- Ambition
- Wild animals
- Escavate

DOWN

- Percussion musical instrument
- Lay in surrounding matter
- Female relative
- Impersonal pronoun
- Jaded
- Greenland base for Arctic exploration
- Ancient Italian city
- Crafty, thrice
- Sunday School (abbr.)
- Absolute ruler
- Reputation (col.)
- He (French)
- Aeronaut's safety device
- Thrown into many places
- Latter
- In South Africa, headland
- Head covering
- Material used for violin strings
- National (abbr.)
- Chaplet for head
- Mia's name
- Twelfth consonant in Greek alphabet
- Lecane grave
- Role of scale
- Comic sections
- Carefully wrought
- Calculate anew
- Adjusts
- Observers
- Concerning
- Henmark (abbr.)
- Amount (abbr.)
- Fruit jelly
- Wireless receiver
- Constellation
- Portents
- Make brilliant sound
- Attend
- Girl's name
- Amount (abbr.)
- African ruminant
- Dine
- Prefix against
- Exalt
- Role of scale

HOW STRONG IS THE NAZI LUFTWAFFE?

In an important article commenting on the recent American estimates of German aircraft strength, some of which gave figures as high as 70,000 with 36,000 "fighting" types, the "Sunday Times" Air Correspondent writes that most of the figures are nonsensical. Analysis will show that Germany probably has an absolute total of about 40,000 machines, of which fewer than 18,000 are "combat" types and the number available for full operation at any given time is about 9,000.

We know there are at present three Air Fleets (Luftflotte) operating against Britain. Air Fleet II, under Kesselring operating from Belgium, Northern France and Holland; Air Fleet III, under Sperrle, in the West of France; and Air Fleet V, under Stumpff, from Northern Holland and Germany Denmark and Norway.

Besides these there are Air Fleet I in Eastern Germany, Air Fleet IV under the Austrian Loehr with headquarters in Vienna; a sixth Air Fleet in Rumania, and an Independent Air Unit now in Italy.

Seven Regular Fleets

Thus there are seven regular Air Fleets. To these must be added the Naval Air Service, operating separately, and the Operational Training Division, which together constitute the total "first line" strength of the Luftwaffe.

To ascertain the total strength of these formations we must examine more closely the structure of the German Air Force.

Each German squadron (Staffel), fighter, bomber, or reconnaissance, had a peacetime strength of nine aeroplanes, now expanded to twelve, with a further three in reserve. Three squadrons form a Wing (Gruppe) and three Wings a Group (Geschwader). Two fighter Groups and one reconnaissance Wing form one Air Corps (Flieger Korps) representing the fighting protection allotted to each Division. Three bomber Groups, one fighter Group and one reconnaissance Wing go to make a Division, with a total of about 480 machines,

not counting reserves or transports.

Three Divisions

Each Air Fleet is composed of three Division and one fighter Air Corps, making a total of about 1,700 aeroplanes, some 1,000 of which are bombers, seventy-five reconnaissance and 625 fighters. At any given time about one-quarter of these will be unserviceable, undergoing overhaul or repair. Therefore the total effective strength of an Air Fleet at any moment is about 1,300 aeroplanes.

The strength of the Naval Air Service is reliably put at 1,000 aeroplanes of all types—about 500 operational at any moment. The Operational Training Division adds a further 400 immediately serviceable types, and the special Transport Organisation is reputed to have some 2,000 transport aeroplanes for parachute troops and so forth.

Special Units

The Luftwaffe also has special transport units attached to each squadron for carrying ground personnel. For instance, each fighter group of 140 machines has thirty transports attached.

Thus, as far as can be estimated without reference to official sources, the total strength of the Luftwaffe may be set out as below:

(A equals strength plus first line Reserve immediately available and Transports. B equals operational strength at any moment.)

Six Air Fleets: A, 16,500. B, 7,800.

Independent Air Unit: A, 2,750. B, 1,300.

Naval Air Service: A, 1,000. B, 500.

Operational Training: A, 650. B, 400.

Transport Organisation: A, 3,500. B, 2,000.

Total: A, 24,400. B, 12,000.

Behind all this will lie a reserve pool and unfinished machines of approximately 50 per cent, as well as some 6,000 trainers, and communication aircraft. This brings the absolute grand total of all planes to about 40,000.

No estimate is complete without mention of production and losses.

R.A.F. Victories

Records show that the Royal Air Force has scored nearly 6,000 confirmed victories over German aeroplanes in all engagements since the war began. Experience suggests that a reasonable estimate is that for every machine lost in combat two are put out of service by accidents and unrecorded victories. This does not include training losses, usually estimated at 15 per cent. per month.

Thus we reckon that the total losses of the Luftwaffe since the war began, counting

the Polish, Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, French, and British campaigns, is not far short of 24,000 machines. Compared with this, the R.A.F. has lost just under 1,800 aeroplanes in action, so that on the same basis the total British losses would be about 5,500 aeroplanes—and now the Royal Air Force has more machines than ever before.

German Production

When the war began, German production of first-line types was about 1,000 a month. It is now estimated at about 1,600 a month (total about 2,300 of all types). An average of 1,400 first-line machines a month would not be far wrong. Thus to replace losses of 24,000, the enemy has built about the same number or slightly less, and the Luftwaffe cannot be considered to have expanded during the war. That is an important point and may explain puzzling features in the operations of the past months.

To return to American figures, an obvious explanation of the figure of thirty-one divisions quoted is a mistake in appreciating the composition of Air Fleets. Taking the independent air unit as a separate fleet we have seven air fleets made up of twenty-one divisions—and ten air corps. These have a total strength with immediate Reserves, but without Transport, of 15,800 aircraft which is reasonably close to the 18,000 quoted.

Operational Strength

But only three of them, with a total strength of about 6,800 aeroplanes and operational strength of 3,900, are at present facing Britain. A point of particular significance is that we find no records of the Germans having put more than 2,500 aeroplanes into the air on any one day, even during weeks of maximum effort. Aerodromes they now occupy in France are primitive. The capacity is limited by the number of aeroplanes which can be handled by ground crews over any period.

Such limitations present themselves whenever a big campaign is undertaken.

Coming Attack

The strength of the coming attack is thus fairly clear. If Germany were free of all other commitments and could concentrate her total operational units, she might be able to attack with about 9,000 aeroplanes, 4,500 of which would be bombers. This total, irrespective of losses in action, would soon be reduced for operational forces to about 6,000.

In fact, Germany dare not take the risk of withdrawing the units from Poland, Italy, and the Balkans, even if she could hope to operate them from the available air fields. She will be lucky if she can assemble a total of 6,000 aeroplanes for the opening of the assault on Britain.

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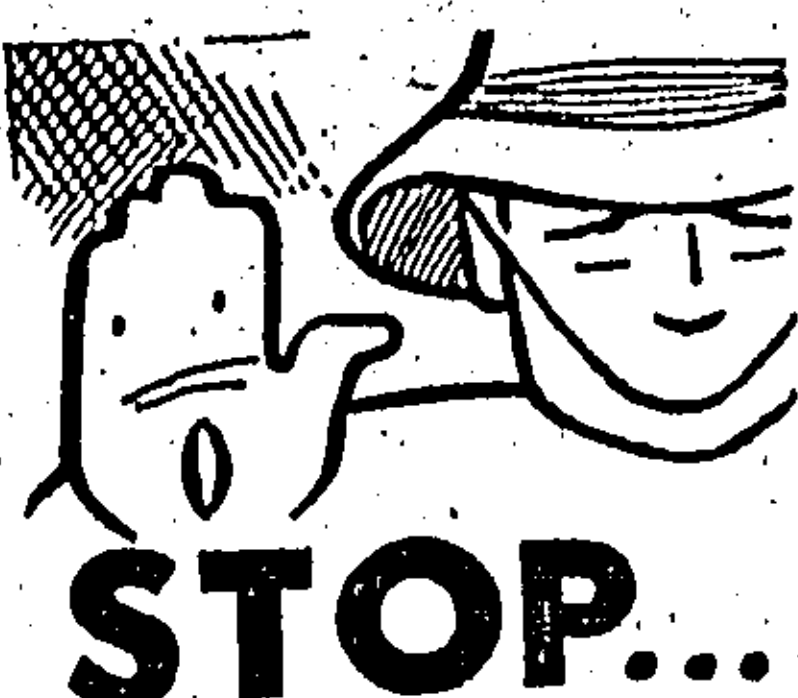
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WAR AIMS

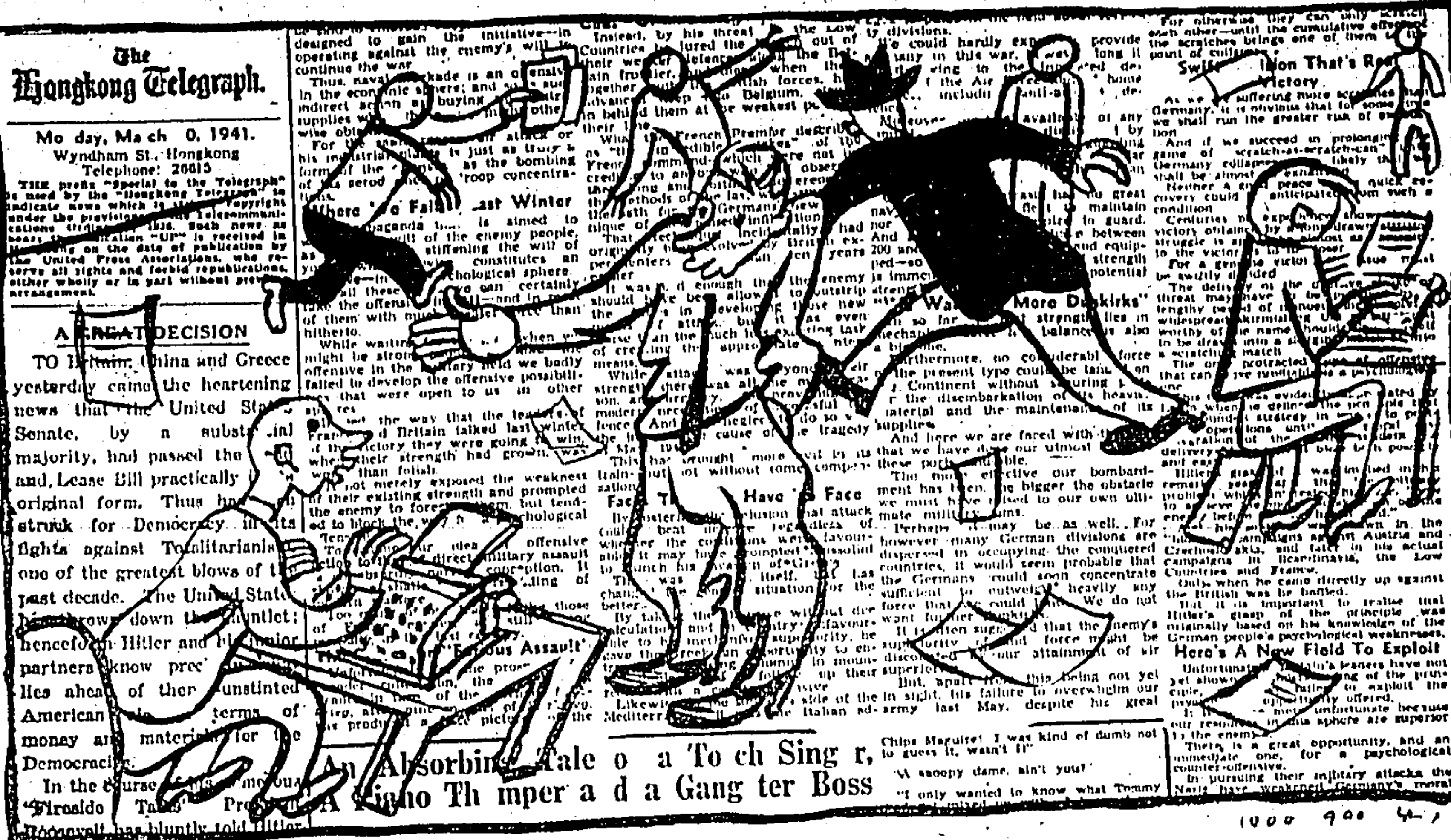
IN several respects, Viscount Halifax this week went much farther in stating Britain's war aims than any other public spokesman since the start of the conflict. He visualised, not only the elimination of Nazism, but a post-war economic system, embracing all nations, which could make a substantial contribution to the future welfare and peace of the world. This, in itself, is an encouraging note and goes a long way towards satisfying the persistent demands of a great section of world opinion (notably among the neutral nations) for a clearer and more comprehensive statement on British war objectives.

It is fairly obvious that no spokesman could, at this stage, be expected to go much further than did Lord Halifax. In the first place no one to-day is in a position or qualified to declare, except on the broadest lines, Britain's post-war ideas. The principal task at the present is to beat Nazism and thus create the opportunity for reconstruction will be inevitable rather than voluntary. Experts are agreed that already a social revolution is taking place in Britain which will lay the foundation of a new order, not only in Europe, but throughout the world. The will of the people must set the course for reconstruction, not the glib promises of politicians and statesmen. The lesson should have been learned as a result of the last war; it will be this time.

But first things first. The destruction of the military and political machinery of Totalitarianism; and this task cannot wait upon academic niceties as to whether ultimate objectives are morally or economically ideal. Totalitarianism does not worry about this, and the world has now learnt, after bitter cost, that the only way to combat and defeat Totalitarianism is to use its same weapons and in some respects, its same methods. Modern warfare makes self-preservation the predominant and immediate factor. As one American writer recently observed, when people are being incessantly bombed and driven out of their homes, one can't expect them to start worrying

IN A NEWSPAPER OFFICE

By BILLIKEN



"Hm!... Our men aren't going full out to-day... the cables say only sixty thousand Wops captured!"

WHAT IS A GOOD FASCIST?

By Colin Wills

When Sidi Barrani fell to the victorious Army of the Nile, the Italian general who had commanded the fort asked his British captors for permission to address his troops. Permission was given. He delivered an emotional address, and thanked his men for having fought like good Fascists.

That little incident no doubt appealed to many readers in neutral countries and in British countries alike, a rather affecting human touch in the grim story of war. The vanquished commander, dignified even in his humiliation, exchanging a last soldierly word with his loyal warriors.

Unfortunately for these sentimentalists, the particular word the general chose to say was one that poked an ugly fist through the pretty picture.

So they fought like good Fascists! Praise indeed.

What is a good Fascist? What are these men whom the British and their Allies are fighting, and who, if they are not crushed, will impose their good Fascism on the world?

No Rights...

A good Fascist is a man who believes that the individual—that means you—has no rights whatever except the rights to serve the state... the state being, in practice, the party in power. He believes that the state should dictate the nature of that service, forcing you into whatever job it chooses, in whatever conditions of work it chooses to impose, and at whatever pay it cares to offer, without argument on your part.

A good Fascist is a man who believes that combina-

tion of the future world state; they have got a job on hand, and to accomplish that job successfully (the elimination of the aggressors) is their principal thought.

Actually Britain's broad war aims are obvious, inasmuch as they are, in every respect, opposite to the avowed intentions of Hitler's "new order". At this stage it is hardly necessary to demand or expect additional assurances.

tion of workers to obtain tolerable conditions for themselves and their families is a crime against the state and should be punished with brutal violence. He believes, also, that any attempt at individual enterprise and progress should be subdued in favour of absolute regimentation of all industry and effort.

A good Fascist believes that all justice and law should be directed towards furthering party ends, not towards deciding between right and wrong. He enforces this party justice without mercy, and in fact, with sadistic enthusiasm.

Holy Trinity

A good Fascist believes that Fascism, the Duce, and the State are the true holy trinity, and the worship thereof the only religion that matters.

A good Fascist believes with Mussolini that peace is disgusting, and with Vittorio, Mussolini's son, that war is beautiful (Vittorio is the boy who, when he bombed a group of Abyssinian tribesmen, said: "They opened out like a flower...").

A good Fascist believes that the highest duty of women is to bear sons to die in battle. He takes the boy from the age of seven and teaches him to love uniforms and weapons, particularly the dagger, a weapon that smells more of murder than of war; he teaches him that swagger is glory and bullying is courage; that to shout a man down is to win an argument and to knock him down from behind and kick him is to win a fight. He teaches the boy to love to kill and to yearn to die. In other words, he completely perverts his mind.

Monstrosity

A good Fascist is a follower of that party of political opportunists, gangsters, fanatics and spoilt boys with grudges who seized power in Italy in 1922. They seized power when Italy

was struggling for re-birth after the war. They turned that re-birth into the birth of a monstrosity—the anachronism of an imitation Roman Empire concealing behind its modern theatrical tricks the predatory and bloodthirsty viciousness of the Italian banditti of all the ages. They seized power by the exploitation of grudges and frustrations, by lies, and by brutal violence. They beat up Duce, Duce! and Yes, Yes, Yes! tortured and murdered trade unionists and democrats and will put his shoulder to everyone they could catch who believed in freedom of the body, car as it crunched over the bones of the mind or the soul. With this of weak peoples, or cast his own split blood they claimed to have bones beneath it to make purged Italy. In fact, they smoothed its path of retreat stained it with a stain that only from any nation that resists it, the absolute destruction of Fascism will expunge.

A good Fascist is a man who attains his master's aim, the ruin of the methods by which of mankind.

these cynical gangsters attained. For those who love freedom, power, the methods by which the best definition may be given they retain it—lying, spying, in an old, rude idiom—Good terror, and slaughter—and the Fascists are dead ones.—(M. I.).

SO MANY WORDS—WITHOUT MUSIC

GREAT issues do not of themselves produce great men. Leadership in the field during the last war demonstrated it. Oratory—if incoherent babble deserves the term—proves the contention to the hilt in this war.

It is a war of words but not of voices. There are words enough to float the country to victory on a verbal sea, likely to see in our time. The level of wartime oratory, like the level of wartime literature, is that of the confused clamour which arises at the scene of any street accident.

Each voice gropes desperately for a phrase that will stir the nation; each speaker sees a cliché floating in his exultation at the glory of Dunstons, claps it to his bosom as kirk and the miracle in the air that a drowning man would a plank, and followed.

trumpets it forth as his own. Surely Hansard 1939 and Hansard 1940 will be the most tedious and least sought-after volumes in the records.

Read the Parliamentary questions of any given day. Read any section of any debate—and marvel.

Mr X, the Hon. Member for Y, is of the opinion that Britain and the U.S. should seek closer rapprochement.

The statement has been made probably 150 times before in the House, disappointed in his hopes and to be pressed on, perhaps, 150 occasions. Lord A. deputy in the Ministry of B, feels it incumbent on words. For these slow, deliberate phrases which may have suited the borough council from which he arose Ecclesiastes. They were proud parents but which scarcely honour the Mother tongue to the fountainhead of all great historic sessions.

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use they have made of it. The use they have made of it is to turn the Italian people into either senseless, soulless automata, degraded caricatures of human beings, or else into trembling speechless exiles within their own country.

Duce, Duce, Duce!

A good Fascist is one who believes that patriotism is shout-out, shouting what all the rest shout, jerking up his arm with all the other arms, walking with the grotesque stiff-legged step of a mechanical doll, yelling Duce, Duce! and Yes, Yes, Yes! tortured and murdered trade unionists and democrats and will put his shoulder to everyone they could catch who believed in freedom of the body, car as it crunched over the bones of the mind or the soul. With this of weak peoples, or cast his own split blood they claimed to have bones beneath it to make purged Italy. In fact, they smoothed its path of retreat stained it with a stain that only from any nation that resists it, the absolute destruction of Fascism will expunge.

A good Fascist, in short, is the ruin of a man, and, if he could approve the methods by which of mankind.

these cynical gangsters attained. For those who love freedom, power, the methods by which the best definition may be given they retain it—lying, spying, in an old, rude idiom—Good terror, and slaughter—and the Fascists are dead ones.—(M. I.).

of Asquith, of Balfour, of Birkenhead! Is there not one voice to blossom in all this desert of the mediocre minds and mediocre men?

Yes, there is one.

Perhaps that one will save Hansard from cobwebs and ignominy. For here and there, through the grey months of this year, loom up, like rocks seen through a sea-mist, the names of Winston Churchill, the last great speaker Parliament seems likely to see in our time.

Remember his phrases when he knew what the rest of England only feared—that the entire British Expeditionary Force was in peril of annihilation, when he warned us to expect "hard and heavy tidings."

Remember the tempered steel of his exultation at the glory of Dunstons, claps it to his bosom as kirk and the miracle in the air that a drowning man would a plank, and followed.

Remember, perhaps most of all, the noble tribute he paid to his old leader, the late Mr Neville Chamberlain.

Only guide to a man is his conscience. The only shield to his memory is the rectitude and sincerity of his actions.

And again: "It fell to Neville Chamberlain in one of the supreme crises of the world to be contradicted by events, to be deceived and cheated by a wicked man."

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Envoy Predicts Total Victory for Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Speaking at a luncheon given by the British Employers Confederation to-day, Mr John Winant, the American Ambassador said he was of the opinion that under Mr Churchill's leadership, Britain will win a total victory.

"Strength of understanding and leadership is making itself felt more and more day by day. It has already enabled you to resist what no slave or regimented people could ever resist. It will bring you total victory."

In reply, Mr Churchill expressed his pleasure at Mr Winant's presence in Britain, saying, "It gives us the feeling that all of President Roosevelt's men give, that they would be shot down rather than see this cause let down."

Mr Churchill also expressed his belief that Yugo-Slavia would repudiate the Axis pact and defend her frontiers against aggression. "I do not know what will happen, and I cannot be sure of anything, but I believe it reasonable to expect that we shall have a Government in Yugo-Slavia which will repudiate the pact which was signed the day before yesterday, and will be ready to defend the honour of her frontiers against aggression," he declared.

Promises Aid
Continuing his speech at the luncheon given to Mr John Winant, Mr Churchill re-pledged all aid to Yugo-Slavia and said that "if the Axis are attacked, we will give the aid we can." This caused the gathering to rise and cheer and clap for a full minute. Mr Churchill was pale, but smiling.

Mr Churchill admitted that he had always been a bit shy at defining Britain's war aims, but he was of the opinion that if the Democracies emerge victorious, there will "then be an electric atmosphere in the world which may render possible an advance towards greater and broader social unity and justice than could otherwise have been achieved in peace time in score of years."

IF NAZIS MAKE GAS ATTACKS Britain Is Ready

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Government is taking steps to ensure that the whole population is in a full state of preparedness against gas attacks.

The Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, assured the House of Commons to-day that Britain will in no circumstances be the first to use gas, but the Germans' record showed that they would stop at nothing.

In reply to a question whether that statement meant that Britain would retaliate if the enemy used it first, Mr Morrison invited the House to draw their own conclusion from his words.

R. A. F. Harry Italians

South Africans Bring Down Two Fighters

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—British and South African warplanes are continuing to harry the Italians in East Africa.

R.A.F. and South African bombers severely attacked the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway again yesterday, says an R.A.F. communiqué, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged enemy motor transport near Gondar.

Enemy positions in the hills around Keren were again heavily and frequently bombed.

South African fighters shot down two Fiat fighters in this area.

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Chinese Press Past Kaoan

KAOAN, Mar. 27 (Central News).

Chinese forces in pursuit of the Japanese fleeing Kaoan have advanced to Loehui and Nancha, north-western Kiangsi near the Hupeh border. The Japanese suffered severe losses including two detachment commanders named Sasaki and Tanaka. Besides taking more than 150 prisoners, the Chinese have captured several hundred war horses, numerous field pieces, some 200 light and heavy machine guns and countless rifles.

As a result of vigorous mop-up operations carried out by the Chinese during the past two days, Sasaki and other points south-west of Kaoan are now completely cleared of Japanese stragglers. The remnant Japanese on the south bank of the Chin River are also being rapidly rounded up.

Japanese Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ON THE KANGSI FRONT, Mar. 27 (Domei).—Continuing mop-up operations against the remnants of the Chinese troops totalling 100,000 in north-western Kiangsi Province, Japanese units are pounding the Chinese between Shanghai and Tanpui. Japanese units occupied Tsengkiachiao, 15 miles west of Kaoan.

Up to March 26, the Chinese abandoned 2,400 dead while 225 Chinese troops have been taken prisoner. The Japanese also captured three heavy machine-guns, 10 light machine-guns, and quantities of other arms, munitions and provisions.

Casualties in Kiangsi

CHUNGKING, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Japanese lost 20,000 killed and wounded in Kiangsi Province, declared a Chinese military spokesman. More than 50 Junk with Japanese troops were sunk by the Chinese, the spokesman claimed, adding that 3,000 casualties were suffered by the Japanese south-east of Nanking.

North of Hoifung

SHUHKWAN, Mar. 27 (Central News).—Heavy fighting is proceeding north of Hoifung in the Houghai region, southern Kwangtung, where two Japanese columns following their landing at Swabue and Houman on March 24 have been pushing vigorously inland.

Chaoyang

HINGNING, Mar. 27 (Central News).—Chinese troops are launching a vigorous counter-attack on the Japanese at Chaoyang which was penetrated on March 24.

Beef For U. S. Soldiers

Buying From S. America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Senator Alva Adams to-day told the United Press that the United States Army is contemplating buying 20,000,000 pounds of tinned beef from South America annually if Congress permits it.

He declared the War Department spokesman told the Appropriations sub-committee that the War Department would restrict their purchases to this figure but the committee feared that the Army would buy much more unless some restriction was applied.

It is learned that one Senator told the committee at last Wednesday's hearing that if the War Department was permitted to purchase 20,000,000 pounds "it would only be the beginning." It is understood that the Navy Department contemplates buying about 400,000 pounds.

Matsuoka's Conference With Hitler Lasts Over Two Hours

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Hitler received Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in the new Chancellery, says the official German news agency.

Besides Herr von Ribbentrop, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), the German Ambassador in Tokyo (General Eugene Ott) and Herr Meisner, head of the Presidential Chancellery, were present.

Herr Doornberg, chief of the protocol, accompanied Mr Matsuoka from Bellevue Palace.

The agency adds that the Berlin population gave Mr Matsuoka an "enthusiastic reception." A Hitler bodyguard rendered military honours in the Hall of Honour in the Chancellery.

The meeting of Hitler and Mr Matsuoka lasted two and a half hours. According to the official German news agency, "all current questions were dealt with in an atmosphere of cordial friendship."

Confining War

After the meeting, a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said: "The principle of preventing an expansion of the war in accordance with the Tripartite Pact was confirmed."

This applied, he said, to the east as well as the west. Anyone entering the war must be regarded as an enemy of the "great allied Powers."

Questioned by foreign journalists, the spokesman added: "It is difficult to separate diplomatic from military affairs. To-day's talk covered the scope of the whole war against Britain."

Italian Envoy

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—According to the Rome wireless, Mr Matsuoka received the Italian Ambassador in Berlin to-day. They had long and cordial conversation, it is stated.

Yugo-Slavs Shut Varda Valley Path To Greece

(BY "REUTERS" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 27.—The revolt of the Yugo-Slav people and armed forces under their young King against Nazi domination and their own quislings will have a profound effect on the military situation.

Nazi forces cannot use Yugo-Slavia as a base for attacking Greece down the Varda Valley. Greece is either prepared to fight for it.

That the fighting will be severe and that the German casualties will be heavy if they attempt to force that Valley is certain.

Nazi Problem

The Yugo-Slav soldiers are brave and the country most difficult, lending itself to defensive operations. The situation which the Nazi General Staff now have to deal with is either to carry through an attack on a very restricted front against Greece down the Struma Valley, with a subsidiary advance perhaps down the Mesta Valley, or bring up considerably larger forces for a simultaneous attack on Yugo-Slavia as well.

As this would put a strain on German resources and moreover there is no certainty of success.

The first result of the new situation in Yugo-Slavia will probably be to delay for several weeks at least any German move in the Balkans.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY	
OLD COURSE	
9.10	H. Forrest, R. Young.
9.20	P. A. Cox, A. W. Bourne.
9.30	W. H. Beale, F. A. Howard.
9.40	E. G. Price, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.50	H. S. Jones, W. T. Dow.
10.00	R. J. H. Jones, D. Forster.
10.10	I. H. Geare, I. W. Shewan.
10.20	W. Woodward, J. Harrop.
10.30	H. T. Dwyer, R. Thurstall.
10.40	M. S. Lloyd, R. Jones.
10.50	M. G. Carruthers, D. S. Robb.
11.00	P. V. Meane, P. E. Davis.
11.10	C. W. E. Bishop, D. Forster.
11.20	R. H. Griffiths, J. W. Duley.
11.30	J. L. Meintz, D. McGarry.
11.40	A. H. Guinness, D. Forster.
11.50	Col. Rose, J. A. Parrish.
12.00	K. K. Mackenzie, G. M. Park.
12.10	N. C. Mack, G. G. Aitkenhead.
12.20	N. A. Smalley, A. D. Humphreys.
12.30	Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Humphreys.
12.40	Mrs. Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett.
12.50	J. P. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.
1.00	J. P. Sherry, H. A. Mills.
NEW COURSE	
9.24	K. S. Morrison, T. E. Pearce.
9.34	A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
9.44	A. M. Mack, G. G. Aitkenhead.
9.54	N. A. Smalley, A. D. Humphreys.
10.04	Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Humphreys.
10.14	Mrs. Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett.
10.24	J. P. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.
10.34	J. P. Sherry, H. A. Mills.

Blades To Be Scarce

Razor blades are going to be scarce. Since December 1 cutlery sales have been reduced to one-quarter of pre-war figures—and cutlery includes razor blades.

An official of the British Safety Razor and Blade Manufacturers' Association said recently that the Government ordered about 2,500,000 safety razors for the troops.

"We predict that the supply of razor blades will run out completely in a few months' time."

"We cannot understand why the Board of Trade has failed to differentiate between razorblades and ordinary cutlery, and hope its Order will be revised."

BRITISH SEIZE KEREN & HARAR

FROM PAGE ONE

frontier, he diverted two forces which had captured this place, one of which was entirely Indian, southwards to the Sudan. Their task was to undertake operations from Kassala on the Italian border, from where the attack on Keren really began.

Few commanders have ever risked such an operation with a distance to traverse in between of more than 1,000 miles over desert country.

Oldest Italian Colony

The Headquarters of Mussolini's oldest Colony is in British hands with the fall of Keren. The British forces found this mountain fortress one of the toughest obstacles in the whole campaign against East Africa. It was the last barrier to the key base of Asmara, the Eritrean capital, 75 miles along the railway to the east end of Massawa, a valuable Eritrean port. Keren has been the only vital Italian position to make any stand against the swift hammerlike blows of the British Imperial forces in Africa.

For weeks the armies of the Sudan prepared, waiting on the last stretch of the Eritrean plain with an apparently insurmountable obstacle before them. A ridge of solid rock 1,000 feet high confronted them. The ridge whose sheer precipices offered magnificent defence positions is crowned by a series of arrow-head peaks. Military experts recognised Keren as one of the most naturally impregnable fortresses of the war.

Formidable Ordnance

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Italy's most formidable ordnance guarded every summit at Keren; machinegun nests abounded and strong points were cunningly arranged.

A military spokesman said to-night that one-third of the forces in Mussolini's East African empire—consisting of some 50-70,000 troops—were estimated to be defending Keren. Their defeat might well lead to the general crumbling of the remainder of the forces at the disposal of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia.

The fall of Keren, added the spokesman, would be a tremendous blow to Italian prestige and morale. It would be possible to defend equally formidable peaks every five miles between Keren and Addis Ababa but this was unlikely since Keren had been Italy's showpiece. Hopes were now running high in Cairo that Mussolini's battered armies would be unable to hold out until the rains.

Little More Resistance

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Asmara, and its chief seaport, Massawa, are not likely to put up any serious resistance to the British Army.

The Duke of Aosta has been concentrating all his available strength in the defence of two points—Addis Ababa in Abyssinia and Keren in Eritrea. Asmara and Massawa will probably meet the same fate as Keren in a matter of days whereas the capture of Keren has taken weeks.

The capture of Harar is very important as it threatens the last link between Addis Ababa and the sea at Djibouti, the subjection of which need not be hurried and can be left largely to the Abyssinian patriots.

The end of the campaign in Eritrea, however, will release large Imperial forces at a moment when they will be doubly precious in other spheres of the Near East. Incidentally there should be considerable war material awaiting harvest at Massawa.

Wings Over Keren

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Enemy positions in the hills around Keren were heavily and persistently bombed, nearly 40 tons of bombs being dropped during the last four days and more than 120 tons in the last 12 days.

Our aircraft have been over the target most days from morning till night.

Fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force units have also been active in the area and yesterday, not many hours before the town fell, two of them engaged and destroyed two Fiat fighters.

The Air Force's contribution to the successful operations against Keren is remarkable as the town itself is surrounded by tiers of mountains between 6,000 and 7,000 feet high and it was amongst these that our aircraft had to seek out and destroy enemy positions.

Quiet Afternoon

There will be a quiet afternoon of meditation and prayer in St John's Cathedral on Saturday, March 29, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., conducted by the Rt Rev. R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

There will be tea at 4.15 p.m. It would be appreciated if those who intend to be present would write or telephone their intention to the Cathedral office, 20790, if they have not already done so.

Browder Starts Term

New York, Mar. 26. Mr Earl Browder, ex-Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States, sentenced to-day for Atlanta, Georgia, to begin serving four year sentence in the Federal Penitentiary for passport frauds.—United Press.

COURAGE OF BOY KING

Kept In Shadow

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).

The manly and courageous role played by the Boy King, Peter of Yugo-Slavia, has caused a fierce pride but not surprise among those in London who know him best.

Although kept in the shadow by the Regent, Prince Paul, and a group of pro-Axis politicians, the youthful monarch has watched events silently. He has not been a puppet in the recent dramatic events, but has been quietly awaiting his hour.

Prophecy-Fulfilled

The last diplomatic bag to reach London from Belgrade arrived here four weeks ago and contained a letter from King Peter to one of his most intimate confidants in London. It may now be revealed that in this letter the King wrote: "I am waiting for the day when Yugo-Slavia will decide against the Nazis so that I can take charge of the Army."

Within less than a month the Boy King's noble ambition has been fulfilled.

Southward Expansion Bases

Formosa And Hainan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TAIHKU, Mar. 27 (Domei).—The development of Hainan Island might be easier than that of Formosa, Mr Naoki Hoshino, Minister without Portfolio and Governor of the Planning Board, declared to the Press to-day.

"It is most important now to develop Formosa as the base for southward developments," Mr Hoshino said. "Hainan Island is to be developed from now on but utilising past experiences in the development of Formosa as the only base of Japan in the South, the development of Hainan Island might be easier than that of Formosa. It is my impression that the development of the South might be comparatively easy."

Mr Hoshino arrived here from Canton on March 20 by air after inspecting South China and he has since inspected Takao and other parts of Formosa.

IDLE SHIPPING IN AMERICA Is Needed Badly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (UP).—It is understood that the Government is seeking to obtain more bottoms to alleviate the shipping shortage in Central and South America.

Government is seriously considering the precedent set by Chile and Peru, in taking over idle Danish ships in their harbour. It is also understood that the Government originally hoped it might settle the matter on a purely Danish basis and named the United States Lines as a Corporation which might work out an arrangement with the owners of the Danish ships whereby the ships might be sold or chartered.

Latin American diplomats are daily visiting the State Department, the Maritime Commission and various defence bodies urging them to act to relieve the situation.



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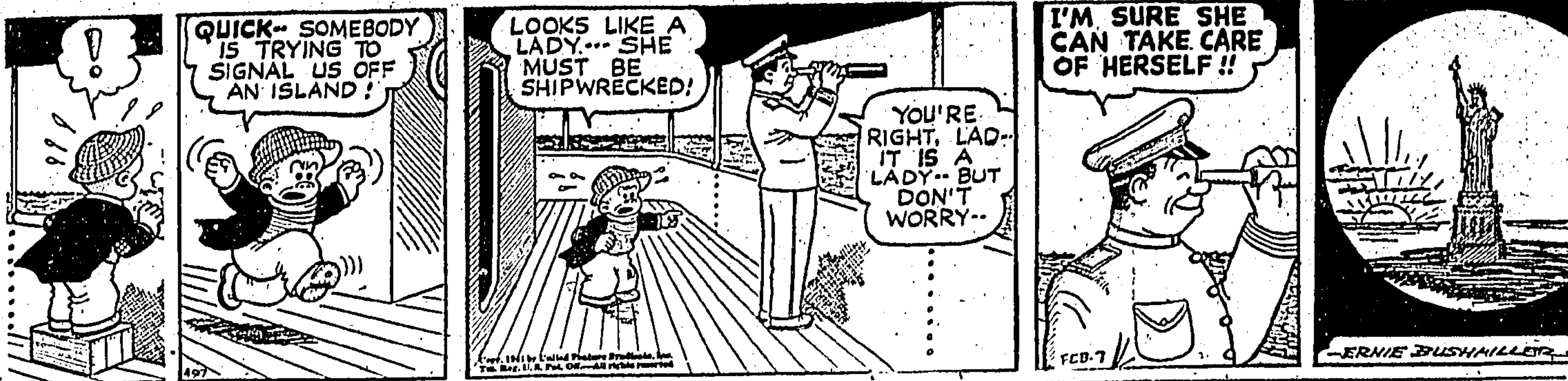
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WILLKIE VISITS KING—Radio picture shows Wendell L. Willkie, left, chatting with King George, in London, after he had tea with the King and Queen Elizabeth.

City Crowd Fled From Collapsing Building

ROYAL ENGINEERS in London working on demolition in the City and passers-by had to run for their lives recently from a collapsing building.

The soldiers, watched by a large crowd, were pulling down the high, battered walls of a burned-out building in Newgate-street, near the corner of St. Paul's Churchyard.

A caterpillar tractor hauled in vain on a wire hawser looped on a wall.

Then the caterpillar was moved closer in, at a different point, the hawser along round some projecting brickwork, and the tractor given the "Go."

"Look Out!"

For a while the tractor hauled without result, until there was a yell of "look out," and the whole face of the building collapsed on top of the tractor.

Soldiers and spectators ran in all directions from the avalanche of debris.

R.C.N. Warship Destroyed

Halifax, Mar. 27.

The loss of the Canadian war vessel Otter, a converted yacht, with two officers and 17 crew members of a complement of four officers and 37 men, was announced today.

The ship was near Sambro Light at the entrance to Halifax Harbour when she was suddenly enveloped in flames and sank in a few minutes. One lifeboat was swamped and it is feared that all in it were lost.

United Press.

"THE STATESMAN," CALCUTTA, PLEADS: DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA NOW

Pleading that India should make a united effort for a British victory, the Calcutta "Statesman"—which is under European control and has the biggest circulation of any morning newspaper published in India—declares that this united war effort is "not possible unless the colour war is ended."

"India" the writer says, "is geographically, numerically and materially the central factor in such a common effort. She cannot have a secondary place."

"She is entitled to a Government controlling her own soil, which can co-operate freely with the Governments of the United Kingdom and other Dominions without having to take orders from a country and Parliament 6,000 miles away."

"An emergency has arisen. The power of Parliament should be vested in the Viceroy."

"India should be declared a Dominion, and relations with Britain should, as soon as practical, be conducted through the Dominions Office and the Indian High Commissioner."

"If this is done, the Viceroy will be able to get a representative war Government, and internal constitutional settlement will follow as soon as we can draw breath to consider it."

"Through the wartime collaboration of former opponents, a large part of the difficulty between the princes, the Moslems and the Hindus will then be found to have disappeared."

Reply To M.P.'s Message

A Christmas message from British Parliamentary spokesmen interested in India, appealing for co-operation in the war, is evoking a counter-message from representative Liberal politicians.

"This will exhort Britain to declare her decision to grant India immediately after the war Dominion status within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster, in addition to showing, while the war is still on, earnest of British intentions to 'do the right thing by India.'"

HINDU FUNERAL PYRE BUILT ON LOCH BANK

When Keher Singh, Hindu travelling salesman, died in hospital in Ireland his friends of the Hindu community claimed cremation for him.

There are no crematoriums in Ireland and as it was impossible to take the body across to Britain for cremation, the Northern Ireland Ministry of Home Affairs decided to allow an open-air cremation.

The cremation took place shortly after dawn on the banks of the Loch Foyle, near Londonderry, and was attended by about 80 members of the Hindu community.

The only other spectators were two men, who had been out shooting on the marches, and a police sergeant.

ashes To Be Scattered

The Hindus built a pyre of logs collected from the countryside. In the middle of this they placed the coffin with the head pointing towards the rising sun.

When the fire was lighted the Hindus recited prayers and sang hymns. Later, two wreaths were thrown on to the waters of Loch Foyle.

Water from the loch was then sprinkled over the coffin. On the third day the Hindus returned and scattered the ashes on Loch Foyle. Some of the bones will be taken away to be thrown into the River Ganges.

Her Job Is To Advise Bevin

IN view of the extensive wartime employment of women in engineering, Mr Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, has created the post of technical adviser to the Ministry on questions concerning the training of women for munitions work.

He has appointed to his post Miss V. Holmes, who has been associated with the professional side of engineering since 1916.

She has had experience both in Britain and in the United States, and during the last six years has been employed as an experimental designer in engineering research.

She is a member of the Institutions of Mechanical, Locomotive and Marine Engineers, and a past president of the Women's Engineering Society.

Whirlwind—Our Secret Fighter

THE Whirlwind, new British fighter, whose existence Lord Beaverbrook disclosed in a broadcast recently, is one of the fastest planes in the world.

Little can be said except that it is one of the very latest designs, and incorporates new features.

Whirlwind may soon become as much a household word as Spitfire and Hurricane.

The existence of the Whirlwind has been one of the best-kept secrets of the war.

It is only one of the new type fighters, believed to be in the future months and throw into the battle with the Luftwaffe.

Round-Up of Shipping Spies

THE Australian Government is organising a round-up of spies and Fifth Columnists to prevent the leakage of information to the enemy of shipping movements.

This was revealed by Mr W. M. Hughes, Australian Navy Minister.

He indicated that precautions against leakages of information were being tightened up.

He would instruct the Navy Board to inquire whether too much liberty was being allowed to crews of neutral ships in Australian ports.

Mr Hughes recently announced he was investigating statements by survivors that the Nazi Pacific raiders possessed information indicating that they knew the British Admiralty code for communicating with merchant shipping.

The Australian navy authorities announced that seven Europeans and one Filipino are known to have been killed aboard the ships sunk by the raiders.

Sixty-seven Europeans are missing, believed prisoners, and four Filipinos are believed killed.

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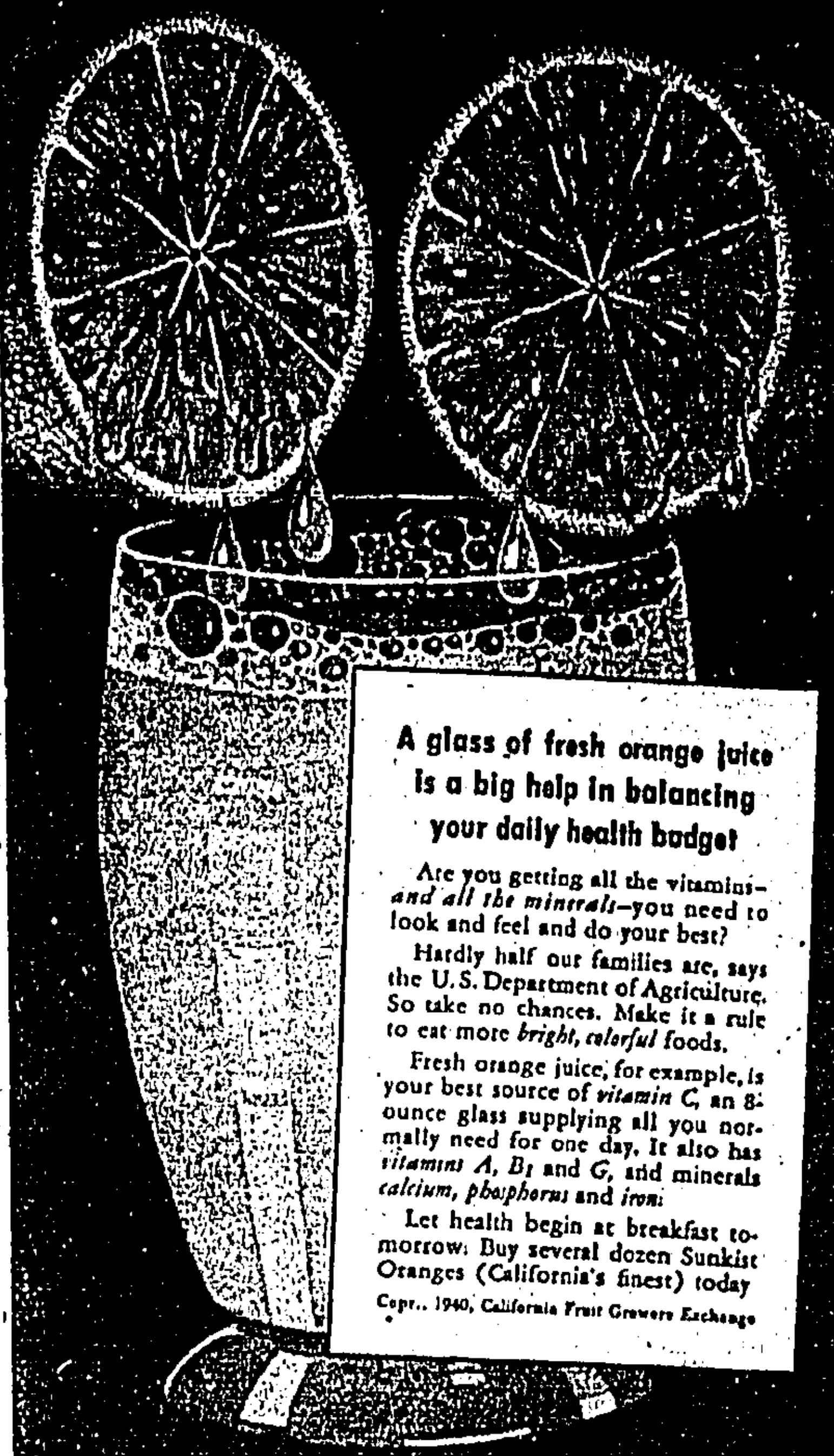
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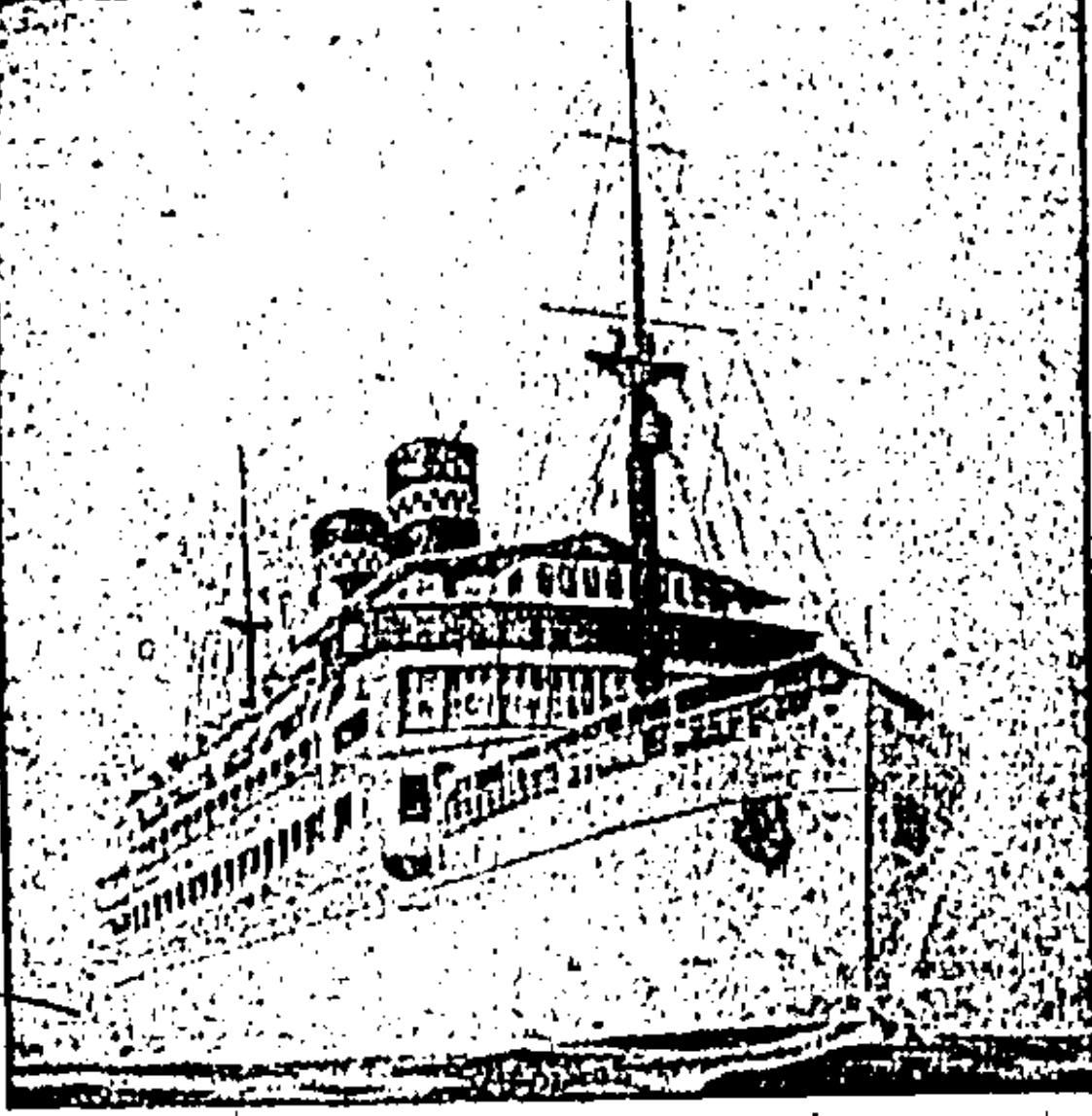
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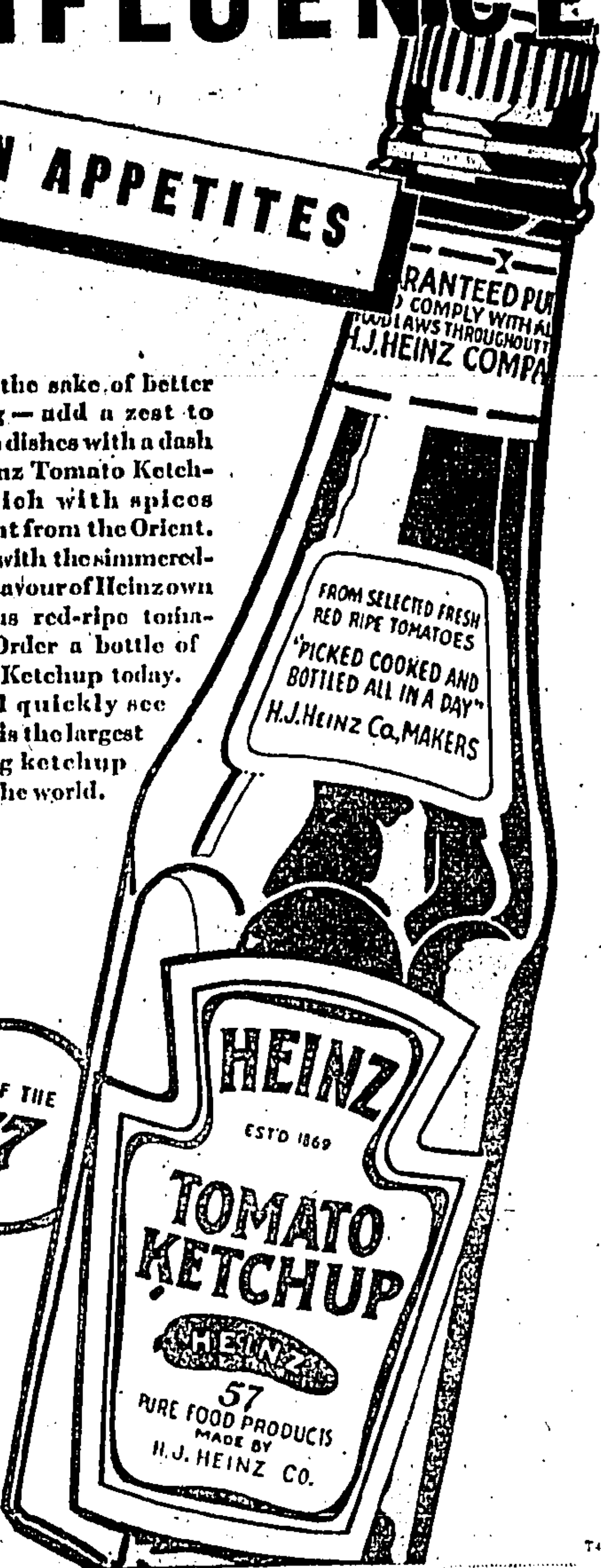
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PRISONERS—Here are some of the thousands of Italians captured by the British in their big drive into Libya. Seated on desert sands in vicinity of Sidi Barrani, Italians calmly await orders of captors. They didn't want to fight.

Americans Give Blood For Air Raid Victims

AMERICANS have become our "blood cousins" in the most literal sense. More than 2,000 of them have given their blood for transfusion to Britain's air raid casualties.

A consignment from the American Red Cross was tested recently by British Government scientists at the National Institute for Medical Research. Later in the day some of it was given to a patient in a big London hospital.

Even before the blitz, the Americans showed their willingness to give their own blood in the service of Hitler's victims. When it was decided to establish "Blood Banks" throughout Britain, so that plenty would be available for transfusion even in the small villages, the Americans volunteered.

They helped our medical authorities over a difficult period. There are plenty of donors in Britain, although in some localities appeals will have to be made for more, but there was a need for "iron rations" of blood.

For Any Case

These take the form of "plasma," that is, blood from which the red corpuscles have been removed.

It can be used on any case, without the worry of the "blood groups" into which each of us falls. America sent plasma to be kept in store, if need be for a year or more. Various shipments have arrived in Britain and there may be more to come.

But the taking of blood for this purpose was recently stopped in America, by arrangement with the medical authorities here.

The emergency has been met and, with the fresh blood from British donors, the shipping space is being saved.

Every kind of healthy American made a contribution to the supply. It was all pooled—the "blue" blood of the Upper 400 and the humbler blood of the Bowery.

There will be lots of people in America who, when they hear of another life saved by blood from the United States, will be able to say, "I helped."

Shock Victims

The plasma comes in elaborately sealed flasks which can be fitted immediately to the tubes through which it seeps into the veins of the casualty.

Thousands of victims have been restored or saved by blood transfusion since the air raids began.

It is freely given not only in cases of severe loss of blood, but also of shock which is the commonest effect of air raid injury, and is so liable to prove fatal.

STUDENT DIES OF OPIUM

Told by letter that he had failed in an examination, an eighteen-year-old Cambridge University student took opium.

He was found unconscious in bed, taken to hospital and placed in an iron lung. Next day he died.

At the inquest on John Cameron, son of a woman doctor, of Silver-street, Taunton, Somerset, Miss Clarice Vaughan, dispenser to the student's mother, said a bottle containing opium pills was found lying on the floor of the hall.

Cameron, when he returned home from Cambridge, was happy and cheerful. The letter from his university saying he had failed in his examination arrived the day he was found unconscious.

The coroner, recording a verdict that Cameron died from opium poisoning self-administered, said he was not satisfied that the youth took the pills with the intention of ending his life.

New Pacific Air Link

Pan American Airways has appointed KNILM as its head agent for the Netherlands East Indies.

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Philippines May Ban Rice Export

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Mar. 27 (UP).—The Commonwealth government is reported to be considering a ban on the exportation of rice from the Philippines as a precaution against shortage, and to prevent further reduction of the drastically limited shipping facilities for Philippines exports.

Rice dealers in the United States and Canada recently made inquiries as to the possibility of importing large quantities of Philippines rice, and some local dealers are understood to have replied that they were prepared to sell large stocks immediately.

Decreased Production

It is learned that Government circles consider that exportation of rice this year would have injurious effects on the islands, and in this connection it is pointed out that production this year has suffered a decrease, which might lead to a shortage in domestic supplies.

At the same time, bottoms are already lacking for important exports, notably sugar.

Manuel Roxas, Secretary of Finance, has recommended to President Quezon that rice exports be prohibited until the end of 1941, and presidential approval is believed likely.

Lin Yu-tang Fears War's Extension

China can expect American supplies actually commencing this month at the earliest, but China should do all she can to obtain the supplies before the war extends to the Pacific. This is the opinion of the well-known Chinese writer, Mr. Lin Yu-tang, in correspondence from Los Angeles to a leading Chinese daily in Shanghai.

In January, the United States sent only 400 planes to the British and the demand is over the supply.

Necessary changes in American factories will take time but the United States is expected to be on the track in the matter of giving supplies in summer and autumn.

20,000 Planes

She will be able to give 20,000 machines at the end of the year.

What China ought to do at present is to be sure that part of what the Americans are making now should be reserved for China's use, states Mr. Lin. China should obtain the supplies before the war breaks out in the Pacific, for if the war breaks out here the supply will be stopped.

Los Angeles has become an aeroplane "headquarters" where the noise of the machines can be heard even late in evening, says Mr. Lin.

Shaw's Love Letters To Great Actress

THE will of the late famous British actress, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, published recently, expressed the wish that a volume be published entitled "the love letters of Bernard Shaw to Mrs. Patrick Campbell."

She directed that the letters be published in their proper sequence and not be cut in any way.

In her memoirs before she died Mrs. Campbell published a number of hardly serious "love letters" written to her by Shaw in 1912 when the famous playwright was 56.

One of which Shaw apparently referred to himself said:

"Read no more of his letters. He will fill his fountain pen with your heart's blood and sell your most sacred emotions on the stage. He is a mass of imagination with no heart."

Best Of The Bunch

"Forty-five years ago everybody wrote love letters to Mrs. Patrick Campbell," Shaw said, commenting on the will. "I know she thought

mine were the best of the bunch although I myself think those of Burne Jones full of his drawings, were more interesting.

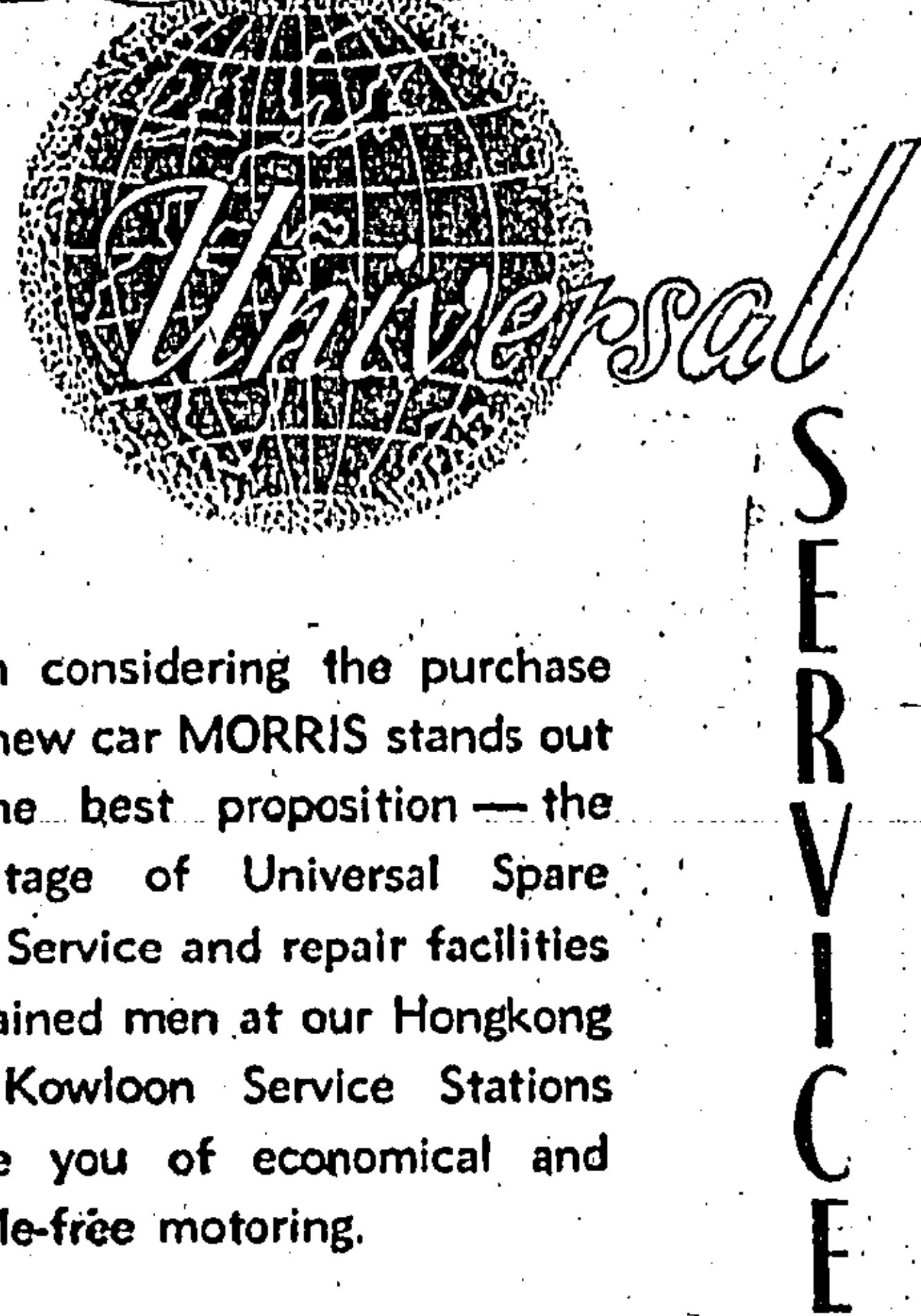
"All of them were married men, quite innocent. Before the copyright expires they will, I hope, provide for the education of her great grandchildren but they must wait until the old gentleman who wrote them can no longer make them ridiculous by their white hairs."

Original Eliza Doolittle

Forty-five years ago Mrs. Campbell was 30 and Shaw was 39 and unmarried. Shaw, however, wrote to her as late as 1912. Mrs. Campbell was regarded as the original of Eliza Doolittle in Shaw's play Pygmalion.

The Burne Jones, mentioned in Shaw's comment, was the eminent painter, Sir Edward Burne Jones, who died in 1898. Forty-five years ago he was 61.

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1st Innings.—145 (Bulley 40, Tropp 35, Dixon 7 for 41).
2nd Innings.—64 (Ratcliffe 37, Dewar 5 for 22, Murphy 4 for 30).
Small Units.
1st Innings.—65 (Coombe 23, Denyer 5 for 20, Tropp 3 for 14, Megson 2 for 10).
2nd Innings.—70 (Logan 24, Megson 9 for 25).

Next Week's Tennis Schedule

MONDAY

Singles.—Pang O-lan v. S. T. Chau or Wei Chung; George Chua v. T. J. Gould; O. Umehani v. M. Pugh.
Doubles.—Paul Kong and Pang Yee-pul v. W. C. Hui and E. C. Fincher.
Club Championship.—T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxide.

TUESDAY

Singles.—S. A. Rumjahn v. Shields Goodman; Tsui Wai-pui v. K. H. Yip.

WEDNESDAY

Doubles.—J. S. Thobald and P. J. Skipwith v. J. M. A. Hazack and A. R. Mini v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.
Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell v. T. A. Pearce or C. H. R. Oxide; R. E. Guest v. J. Stirling Lee; T. J. Gould v. M. Pugh.

THURSDAY

Singles, Paul Kong v. Tsui Wai-pui.

FRIDAY

Singles.—C. S. Lee or A. Crawford v. George Chua or T. J. Gould; J. M. A. Hazack v. S. A. Rumjahn or Shields Goodman; O. Umehani or M. Pugh v. H. D. Rumjahn.

GERMANS AROUSE BITTER FEELING

Letter From London

The following letter, lately received by a Hongkong resident from London, tells of the bitter feelings—so foreign to the British people—aroused by the Nazi air raids. The writer, who was associated for two years with the design of the Spitfire fighter plane, states that there is absolutely no comparison between the R.A.F. and the Germans, either in skill or in the quality of planes.

Life in London for me now consists of:—Work 12 hours, food and relaxation 4 hours, air raid 8 hours, total 24 hours, the letter begins.

Five weeks ago I got a technical job in the "Ministry in London." I look out of a delightful sitting room on a delightful "period" street "Gayton Street" off Smith Square, Westminster. The houses are sixteenth and seventeenth Century, and some almost Venetian in architecture, or were!

The Nazi vandals visited us last Saturday—two H. E. bombs in the street in front of my house, one behind, all within fifty paces. It is a particularly horrible experience at this time—first one hears this very odd noise like falling rain—then a chink like a rocket which rises at this distance to a tremendous roar—then a noise like crumpling brown paper—and then an explosion and concussion which beggars description—then an age while the debris rains down. The windows cave in and the doors are torn off their hinges; there is a filthy smell of burnt explosive and—the dust—it's unbelievable.

"Things To Come" We lay, fortunately, in the basement, and listened to the horror, and when it was all over raced down the street to a really deep shelter where we ought to have been before. The street was like a scene from "Things To Come." An awful red glare in the sky—a carpet of broken glass—every window pane gutted. The doors hanging drunkenly on their hinges or torn right off—lamp standards twisted like corkscrews—

Much Mistaken

If they think, with their typical misconception of British psychology, that they'll get anywhere by this, they're much mistaken. You've no idea of the bitterness of the passion they're aroused—no foreign to the British race. I think the women would get at them with kitchen knives if they got into London.

The heroism and courage of the people have been marvellous—I could spend the remainder of this letter telling you the stories I heard from one doctor alone, who had been operating on casualties for ten hours.

Sir Echo

I'm afraid this letter will weary you, but I so much want to impress you with the fact that this city and the whole country are implacably and fiercely resolved to see this monstrous regime in Hell where it was bred. As for the Italians—little Sir Echo is Mussolini's name in London. There is absolutely no comparison between the R.A.F. and their opponents in skill, nor is there in the quality of the planes. I feel more than proud to think that I was associated for two years with the design of the Spitfire.

Well, I must stop, writing is difficult under these conditions—so also is sleep—but you've no idea how quickly one can do without a bed.

Club's Final Rugby Match

The last game of the Hongkong Football Club Rugby Section's season will take place at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow on the Club ground, when the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will meet the rest of the Club. The Bank fifteen will be: E. N. Thompson, L. J. A. Felden, D. G. Day, M. G. Caruthers and E. A. Matthews; G. G. Alkenhead and G. T. Harrington, J. S. Lee, J. J. Burnett, E. A. Hampar, R. C. Galdner, A. M. Kennedy (Capt), M. F. L. Haynes, K. A. Watson and L. M. Wyllie.

Northumberland & Durham Assn Bowls Rinks

The following have been selected to represent the Northumberland and Durham Association in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's greens, Cox's Road, on Sunday at 2.45 p.m.: W. R. B. Coates, A. D. Spoor, C. G. land, J. Fraser, (Skip), J. C. R. Humble, R. A. Radford, J. Smith, T. Coleman, (Skip), J. F. MacGowan, J. V. Ramsey (Skip), E. Purvis, C. E. Turpin, S. Hodge, T. W. Carr (Skip), E. L. Stalling, W. Barkus, G. E. Cross.
Players unable to turn out should please communicate with Mr T. W. Carr, c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, or Telephone 39 262 as early as possible. It is hoped to arrange further rinks on the spot, and all members of the Association who wish to play will be assured of a game if they turn up.

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Fatshan H'cap (First Section)

Short Scramble For Novice Jockeys

FLAT HANDICAP racing really begins to-morrow with the Fatshan Handicap (First Section) for "C" class China ponies, because from now until the end of the season the open races on the basis of weight for inches as per scale will be in the minority.

This race will be ridden by novices and anything may happen in a scramble from the 1 1/4 mile post (about half mile 170 yards). There are seven ponies recently demoted from a higher standard and the top weight for the Fatshan Handicap (first section) is shared by Jennifer, Jobber and Thirty Six.

The last named is my fancy, because the jockey Mr Ho Hong-ping has ridden the chestnut twice at the big meeting and the mare was well up on both occasions. This alone should justify one's confidence.

Not Satisfactory

JENNIFER will be the mount of Mr Copplin, but her canter of Wednesday last did not please me at all. Jobber's gallop in the same morning was not superior, and I have not been able to ascertain who is going to pilot the Marber's candidate.

Lancashire Lass was out very early, but the grey finished the last hundred yards like a sampan tossing over the white horses in the harbour.

Blue Diamond with Mr S. W. Lee may spring a surprise.

Since writing the above it is learned that Mr Ho Hong-ping has been operated on for appendicitis and Mr W. Yui will be riding Thirty Six.

G.A. Goodban Three Short Of Century

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL beat H.M.S. Tamar by 67 runs in a friendly game of cricket yesterday. Outstanding innings was that of G. A. Goodban, Headmaster of the School, who fell three runs short of scoring a century. His knock included 13 boundaries.

Scores were: School.—187 (G. A. Goodban 97, A. J. Hulse 38, West 4 for 55). Tamar.—120 (Boyes 27, Wilson 25 not out, Ebrahim 4 for 43).

"Y" Hockey Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-morrow on the home ground: Second v. Engineers (3 p.m.)—Clegg, Ralston, Grant, Gilchrist, Ure Gorman, Macey, Brown, Dornay, Bunker, Banks, Ellis v. Navy (4.15 p.m.)—Bennell, Taylor, Youliff, Jordan, Coombe, Watson, Smith, Olsen, Ure, Morgan, Dunne.

Yaumati School Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of the Yaumati Government School will be held from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, March 31. The prizes will be presented by Mrs H. S. Mok.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,747,581.32 was reached yesterday by the War Fund, inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations: "Duck" on Feb. 9 and March 25 \$ 10; Takko Club Lawn Bowlers (in lieu of Bowls Prizes) 138; H. K. M. S. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, 1,600; In memory of the late Mrs Cammidge (A.H.P. Tsimshatun "A") Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation) 3.22; Sze-nan Marine Office (Domb) 65; Dist. General Commission PRISONERS OF WAR 10.

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Germany Worried By Latest Turn

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had earlier appealed to Prince Paul against the signature of the Axis Pact.

The Cabinet includes representatives of all the leading Serb, Croat and Slovene Parties.

Full Aid of U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The United States has promised Yugoslavia full aid if she is forced to resist aggression.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at a press conference to-day that the United States Minister in Belgrade has been instructed to inform the Yugoslav Government that the change in power in Yugoslavia is widely welcomed in the United States as a matter of self-congratulation to every liberty-loving man and woman and that in accordance with the Lend Lease Act, President Roosevelt is able, in the interest of national defence of the United States, to render effective material assistance to nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity against aggression.

Mr. Welles also indicated that Yugoslav assets in the United States, which were frozen this week, might be released.

Benefits Previously Urged

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—News of the revolution in Yugoslavia is not entirely unexpected in official circles in Washington in view of the recent reports of anti-Axis sentiment.

While it is derided that the United States administration has done anything in the nature of advising Belgrade, the United States has undoubtedly placed clearly before the Belgrade Government in recent days the benefits of British and American aid which would accrue to Yugoslavia if she resisted the Axis.

Axis Is Silent

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Axis is significantly silent on to-day's developments in Yugoslavia.

Competent circles in Berlin stated that up to mid-day to-day they had received "no authentic information in regard to events in Belgrade," states the official German news agency. Therefore, official and semi-official circles in Berlin refrain from taking up any attitude in the matter.

Italian official quarters likewise decline to express any view concerning the Belgrade events, according to wireless reports from Rome.

No telephone message has been received from the Italian Legation in Belgrade, it is added.

Greeks Happy

ATHENS, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Yugoslav coup d'etat was received with great enthusiasm here. Crowds gather outside the Yugoslav Legation shouting "Long live King Peter."

Men read special newspaper editions with trembling hands and strangers in the streets shook hands excitedly.

The King of Greece entered military headquarters smiling happily and broad smiles broke out on the faces of his ministers.

Demonstrations of support for Yugoslavia were general in Salonika. Local Serbian residents showed unrestrained joy and there were also scenes of fervent enthusiasm on the Albanian front.

At points where Greeks and Yugoslavs are in contact, soldiers of the two countries embraced each other and saluted their respective flags.

Most Cheering News

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Belgrade coup d'etat is the sole topic here, where it is described as the most cheering news since the British and Greeks' defeats of the Italians.

It is thought here that this first major diplomatic defeat for Hitler will be of enormous importance elsewhere than in the Balkans.

Impressing Matsuo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—It is thought here that Hitler demanded signature by Yugoslavia of the Axis Pact when he did in order to impress Mr. Matsuo and to induce Japan to enter the war.

Political circles here are of the opinion that Russian support of Turkey plus the Yugoslav revolt will, with the fighting spirit of the Greek and British troops in the Balkans, present an array of strength in the Balkans formidable enough to make Hitler pause before launching a large-scale offensive.

In addition, the change in the Yugoslav situation will prove a fatal blow to the Italian forces in Albania.

Figures Of 84 Days Fought By R.A.F.

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ignorant of the issues being decided above.

In a few days, the southern towns of England and the capital of the Empire itself were to suffer the fate of Warsaw and Rotterdam, and the war was to have been ended. How the plan of daylight conquest was frustrated and the enemy took to the cover of the night before throwing in the sponge is told statistically.

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During the daylight phase, they killed 1,700 persons, nearly all civilians, and seriously wounded 3,300. At night, 12,501 were killed and 16,985 were injured, but at the end of 84 days (compared with 37 days the Germans took to over-run the Netherlands, Belgium and France) they had not only failed to destroy the R.A.F. fighter squadrons (which were actually stronger at the end of the battle than at the beginning), but their failure meant the defeat of the formidable Luftwaffe and of the carefully-designed strategic plan on which Hitler had set his mind—invasion of Britain.

Luftwaffe Pays

The Luftwaffe, which as Dr Goebbels said on the eve of battle, had "prepared the final conquest of the last enemy, England," did its utmost

Planes, Ships, Tanks To Britain

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British warships in American navy yards for which \$200,000,000 has been provided. There are numerous recent reports that British war craft are nearing the Atlantic coast in order to take advantage of such provisions. It is understood that Britain has been promised 400 merchant ships under the \$821,000,000 appropriation for building vessels of all types.

General Strike In Syria

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—A general strike has broken out afresh in many centres in Syria, says a Jerusalem dispatch to the independent French agency.

Offices have been closed and traffic has been suspended in Damascus, Hama, Hama, Aleppo and other towns, it is stated, while military forces have been sent to Damascus and Aleppo.

Leaders of the "national bloc" who instigated the movement, claim a wide degree of autonomy for Syria and the calling of the national assembly.

and paid very heavily for the attempt.

In these 84 days, 2,375 German aircraft were destroyed in daylight. This figure takes no account of those destroyed at night or those seen by thousands staggering back to their bases.

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U.S. PROMISES YUGO-SLAVIA AID IF SHE RESISTS GERMANY

Reich-America Diplomatic Rupture Possible



King Peter II of Yugo-Slavia, with Prince Regent Paul. The young King yesterday accomplished a coup when he assumed his royal powers and deposed the Prince Regent, following the latter's agreement of Yugo-Slavian adherence to the tri-Power pact with Germany.

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAR. 27 (UP).—IF YUGO-SLAVIA QUALIFIES AS A NATION RESISTING AGGRESSION IT COMES WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE LEND AND LEASE BILL, AND THE COUNTRY MAY RECEIVE AID FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THIS WAS REVEALED TO-DAY WHEN IT WAS STATED THAT MR SUMNER WELLES HAD INSTRUCTED THE INFORMATION TO BE CABLED TO THE BELGRADE LEGATION.

Mr Welles also told the U.S. Legation in the Yugo-Slavian capital that King Peter's Government has the moral support of the liberty-loving people of the United States.

The Yugo-Slavian Minister to Washington conferred with Mr Sumner Welles to-day regarding the developments at Belgrade, but so far no official comment has been made.

Mr Welles had previously indicated that the United States had used its influence in an effort to keep Yugo-Slavia out of the Axis alliance, and there were some indications that the United States had promised Belgrade aid under the Lend and Lease Bill.

Authoritative sources declare that M. Fotitch, the Yugo-Slavian Minister is entirely loyal to the new regime.

Mr Welles' pledge to aid Yugo-Slavia has imposed a new strain on German-United relations which have been steadily deteriorating. There have been persistent rumours that a break in diplomatic relations is imminent.

Some observers interpret the current return to their homeland of a substantial number of German women and children as the prelude to a definite rupture, but sources close to the German Embassy deny that organised evacuation is in progress.

Eden For Belgrade?
BUDAPEST, Mar. 27 (UP).—A report from Belgrade says it is rumoured there that Mr

Anthony Eden, will probably visit Belgrade.

Military Takes Over
BELGRADE, Mar. 28 (UP).—The military took over central Belgrade at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

Minister Resigns
MOSCOW, Mar. 27 (UP).—M. Milan Gavrilovich has resigned as Yugo-Slav Minister and is leaving to-night for Odessa where he will embark for Istanbul and then enroute for Sofia and Belgrade.

It is understood that M. Gavrilovich, whose resignation was due to Yugo-Slavia's adherence to the Axis, is planning to resume active leadership of the Agrarian Party.

Market Electrified
LONDON, Mar. 27 (UP).—The Yugo-Slav coup electrified the Stock Exchange, adding within a few minutes, nearly £5,000,000 to the market value of the war loan which is up 1/4 at 1.04 1/2, the highest it has been since 1937. Home rails, bank shares and leading industrial stocks were strengthened as well as the Greek loans which have had a weak market lately.

Demands Fulfilled
BUDAPEST, Mar. 27 (UP).—The Belgrade correspondent of the "Avala" reports that demonstrations are continuing for King Peter. He added that the Commandant of the City of Belgrade had issued a statement calling on the people to return to work "now that your demands have been fulfilled."

National Unity
BUDAPEST, Mar. 27 (UP).—The official Yugo Slav news agency "Avala" explaining that the new Cabinet "change was purely internal," observed: "The Yugo-Slav people during recent days unanimously expressed their opinion that they did not regard the late Government as being competent to handle the affairs of the country. The people expressed their wish to create a Government of national unity which would correspond with their will. This is the exact meaning of the change."

Yugo-Slav Answer Is Awaited

Relations With Germany

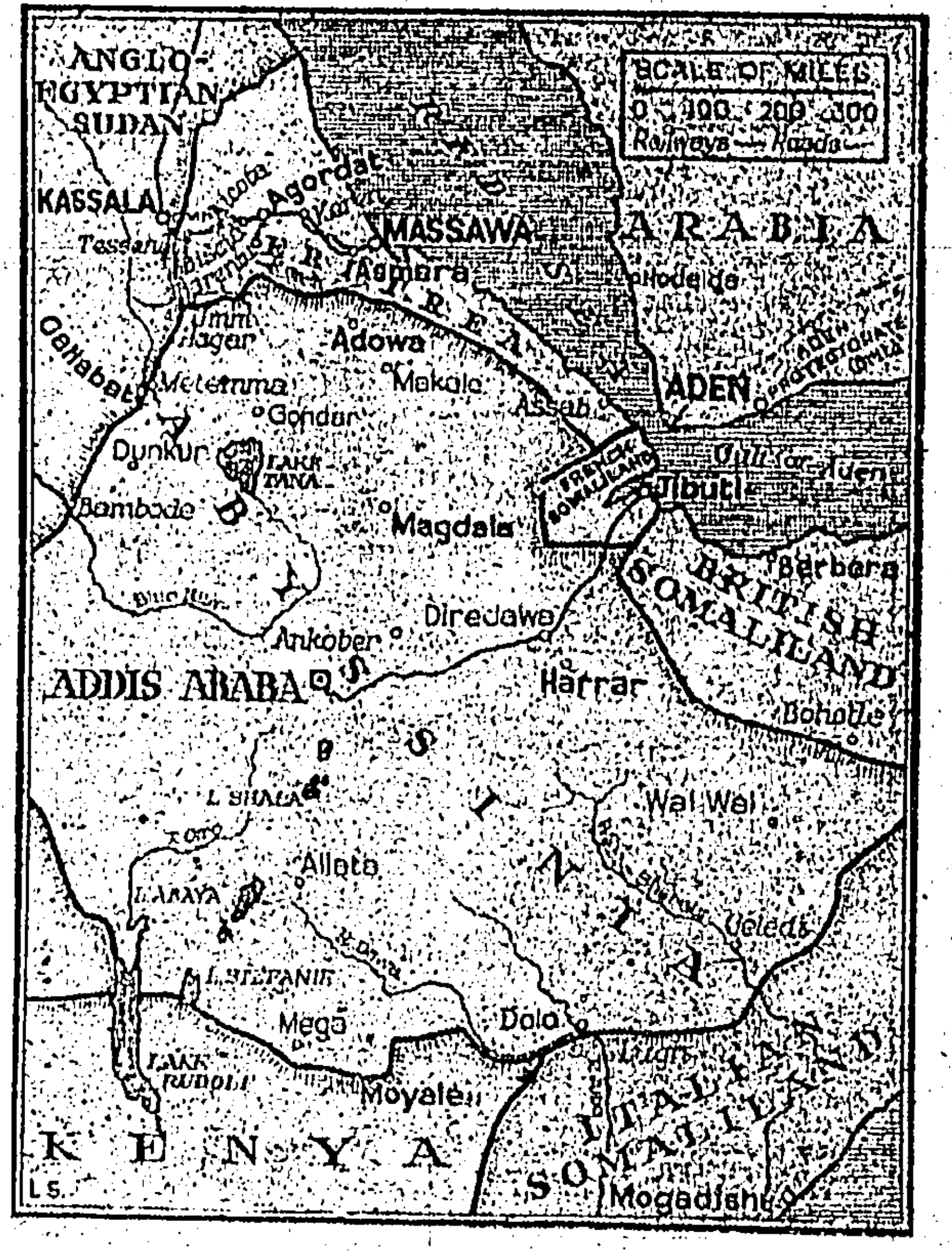
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Mar. 27 (UP).—According to unofficial political circles, Germany's big interest in the Yugo-Slavian coup is whether the new Government's policies will continue to be to support the Axis, or whether a complete volte face is intended. In the latter event, it is declared, Germany would take a serious view of the case.

Political circles expect the Yugo-Slavia answer on Friday noon to the query whether the Government endorses the tri-Power pact.

Moscow Flurry
MOSCOW, Mar. 27 (UP).—The Yugo-Slav coup caused hurried activity in diplomatic quarters to-day, Yugo-Slav and Allied circles rejoicing, and the Axis circles declining to comment.

The Yugo-Slavian Minister, M. Gavrilovich, who had planned to leave to-night, decided to wait here pending instructions from the new Government. Soviet reactions are not available as the news as yet has not been officially reported here.

Turkish Reaction
ISTANBUL, Mar. 27 (UP).—The Yugo-Slav coup, which produced a holiday spirit in Turkey, has revived hope for the formation of a defensive bloc in which Yugo-Slavia will probably join the Greeks and Turks if she is able to resist possible German intervention to "restore order."



BRITISH SEIZE KEREN & HARAR

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Two tremendous new successes by British Imperial armies in Africa were announced officially to-night.

The first is the capture of the mountain fortress of Keren, which was beleaguered for the past seven weeks and the fall of which no doubt seals the fate of Eritrea, if not also Abyssinia.

Hot-footed on this comes the second news—the capture of Harar, the second largest town in Abyssinia.

While part of the Imperial Army was sweeping up to grab Mussolini's eagle-in-Eritrea, another force was rushing forward with typical Wavell blitz speed into the heart of Abyssinia.

Only a few days ago, fighting was still taking place at Marda Pass which barred the route to Harar. To-day this town is in British hands. One more prize remains to be taken before the Duce disappears from East Africa for good—Addis Ababa, on which British columns are advancing from all directions.

Official Communiqué
CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The capture of Keren and Harar is announced in a communiqué. "Eritrea: After heavy fighting for nearly a fortnight, under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and country, British and Indian TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Mussolini Forfeits A Colony

British Advance To Continue

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Mar. 27 (UP).—Three-quarters of Eritrea, Mussolini's oldest colony, is now in British hands.

Keren paradoxically is like a garden city sunk in a hollow amid some of the most barren and most forbidding mountains in the world. The city lies 4,000 feet above the sea in brown mountains whose craggy peaks rise precipitously like saw teeth.

From Keren the road and railway follow the Anseba Valley to Asmara, 65 miles away, over rough country which is swept by frequent sandstorms. Asmara lies 760 feet above the sea and is linked by road and TURN to Back Page, Column 5

New System of Charges For Hongkong Telephones Likely

That a new system of charges, involving the institution of a message rate service in place of the existing flat rate basis, is being considered by the management of the Hongkong Telephone Company, was revealed by Mr J. Scott Harston when he presided at the annual meeting of the Company this morning.

This method would prevent non-subscribers from making free use of telephones.

In the course of his speech, Mr Scott Harston paid tribute to the magnificent work of Mr J. H. Taggart, former Managing Director who has recently retired, and he announced the appointment of Mr J. P. Sherry to succeed Mr Taggart.

Japanese Navy Transfer Property

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 27 (UP).—A communiqué issued by the Japanese South China Fleet states that property in Amoy and Kulangsu, belonging to the former Chinese Government and controlled by the Japanese navy since 1938, will be transferred to the Amoy Special Municipality on March 30, the occasion being the first anniversary of the new Chinese Government.

Chairman's Speech

Addressing the meeting, Mr J. Scott Harston said:—Before proceeding to analyse the Accounts, I will take the opportunity of referring to several matters of general interest to Shareholders. In the first place I have to report with regret the retirement on February 14, 1941, of Mr J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., from the position of Managing Director. As you are perhaps aware, Mr Taggart had been in indifferent health for some considerable time, and the continued deterioration thereof made it imperative for him to leave the East so soon as travelling facilities could be obtained. Your Directors had hoped that Mr Taggart would postpone his resignation pending a return to normal health, but he himself felt, having regard to medical advice, that he ought to retire forthwith from active participation in the affairs of your Company, and your Board, therefore, had no option but to regretfully accept his resignation.

It is fitting that I should take this opportunity of recording the deep sense of loss which your Directors feel at the departure of Mr Taggart. As you no doubt are aware, it was Mr Taggart who conducted negotiations for the formation of your Company in 1925, and it was he who was primarily responsible for bringing such negotiations to a successful conclusion. The progressive results submitted to Shareholders each year since the inception of the Company, bear ample testimony to his outstanding business acumen and devotion to duty, and I feel sure you will desire to associate yourselves with the sentiments I have just expressed, coupled with the hope that Mr Taggart will return to Page 2, Column Five

Money For Bombers

A cheque for \$84,133.01, being the equivalent of £4,000, was handed to the Government of Hongkong this morning for telegraphic transfer to the British Government. This represents the twentieth instalment from the War Fund inaugurated by the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" for the purchase of Bombers.

R. A. F. Raiding Berlin?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Radio-berlin went off the air at 9 o'clock to-night, P.M.S., indicating that the Royal Air Force is raiding Germany for the first time since the "mashing" attacks of last Sunday night.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

American Captured

Slot-Machine King Forfeited Heavy Bail

SHANGHAI, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—After about four months of freedom, Jack Riley, the well-known Shanghai American, known as the "Slot Machine King" who jumped bail on December 4 while facing gambling charges, before the United States Court, was caught at 9.45 a.m. this morning in a raid on a house in Hongkew.

The raiding party consisted of the United States Deputy Marshal, members of the Municipal Police, a number of Japanese Consular Police and a member of the Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters.

Riley is now detained pending further proceedings in the United States Court for China. Bail of U.S. \$25,000 was forfeited when Riley failed to appear in Court on December 4. He had pleaded guilty to gambling charges, but challenged the United States Attorney to prove his American nationality.

R.A.F. Attacks May Force Nazis to Abandon Berlin

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—From Zurich comes a report that German preparations to move the Reich's capital from Berlin to Vienna were seen to-day in the mass expulsion of Jews and Czechs from Vienna.

The capital will be shifted should the Royal Air Force succeed in organising extensive bombing of Berlin, it is believed. The Germans are expecting the bombing to be intensified because of increased British production and the arrival of more American-made long distance bombers.

American Bombers
The "Chicago Sunday Times" says that whatever Germany can do to stop the growing threat of Britain's new American bombers must be done at once. German civilians are working where the R.A.F. will strike

Mysterious Movements Of American Warships

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Speculation regarding the destination of the two United States naval squadrons, totalling 13 ships, which visited Australia and New Zealand, has been aroused by a Navy Department statement.

The statement, in effect, superseded the earlier declaration that the ships were returning to Hawaii immediately. It is unofficially and unconformably speculated that some or all of the ships will visit other non-American ports, perhaps the Netherlands East Indies and even Singapore. An unusual formal naval statement said: "In regard to queries concerning the whereabouts and future movements of the contingent of cruisers and destroyers visiting Australia and New Zealand, Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, states that in accordance with the policy of the navy it will not give out information concerning the movement of ships either at present, or contemplated."

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Appeal To Govt

By Benevolent Society

An appeal to the Government for a generous annual donation for the work of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was made by Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, when he presided at the Society's annual general meeting at Messrs Jardine Matheson and Company's Board Room this morning.

Sir Atholl also appealed to the men of the Colony to send their discarded clothing to the Society instead of giving them to their servants. He referred to the need of the Society for a house or a flat in Kowloon for its work, mentioning that no fewer than 111 cases were dealt with during the last year, many of them of old age, poverty and sickness.

Reference was also made to the effect of the evacuation to the Society's work. There was now a great shortage of helpers which had considerably affected their financial policy.

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UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 16th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

QUIET AFTERNOON

There will be a quiet afternoon of meditation and prayer in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, March 29, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. conducted by the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

There will be tea at 4.15 p.m. It would be appreciated if those who intend to come would write or telephone to the Cathedral Office, 20706, if they have not already done so.

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W. H. EVANS THOMAS, Manager.

Pope Pius Calls For Prayers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN, CITY, Mar. 27 (UP).—

In a speech made in the Throne Room to Italian spiritual workers to-day, His Holiness the Pope said: "What a tragic vision is caused by the mutilations of human bodies as a result of the clash of terrible arms on the battle-fields, on land and sea and in the air."

"Flourishing youth which loves life is having its bones broken, its flesh torn if not killed. When peace will triumph on the earth with justice and fraternity is a secret of the divine Providence but we will not spare our efforts and prayers to hasten the advent of peace."

"May the faithful throughout the world dedicate their life and prayers to God who is so strong for all humanity."

G. R.

A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade Rules.

Particulars of service, etc. may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application, in writing, for the post, should reach that Officer by noon, Monday, 7th April, 1941.

Applicants must be British subjects and of British race.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tytam Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with an option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Sq. Feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
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1	100/100	Island Road, Tytam Bay.	100	100	100	100	40,000	\$24	\$7500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$750 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

Coastal Raids On Britain

Daylight Activity

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal regions during daylight to-day is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Single aircraft this morning dropped bombs in a south-east coast town. Houses were damaged but nobody was killed or seriously injured.

In the early afternoon an aircraft dropped bombs on a south coast district, causing a number of casualties, including several people killed, and damage to buildings.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: A demand for stocks at quotations met with only small response from holders, the market closing with a firmer tone.

Buyers	
Bank of East Asia	\$70
Union Ins.	\$427.50
Wharves X.D.	\$88.50
Docks "O"	\$16.50
Providents	\$5.20
Hotels	\$3.15
Lands	\$31.90
Realities	\$3
Trams	\$13.30
Lights "O"	\$6.20
Lights "N"	\$1.75
Electric C. Rts	\$30.50
Macao Electric "O"	\$18.25
Macao Electric "N"	\$17.25
Telephones "O"	\$24.25
Telephones "N"	\$9
Entertainments	\$7

Sellers	
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$186
Cements	\$18
Ropes	\$7.40

Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$1,337.50
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$183
Trams	\$16.50
Lights "O"	\$6.20
Electric C. Rts	\$30.75
Telephones "O"	\$24.25
Cements	\$17.80

Roosevelt Signs

Washington, Mar. 27. President Roosevelt signed the Lend and Lease Bill to-day.—United Press.

Matsuoka's Conference With Hitler Lasts Over Two Hours

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Hitler received Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in the new Chancellery, says the official German news agency. Besides Herr von Ribbentrop, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), the German Ambassador in Tokyo (General Eugene Ott) and Herr Meisner, head of the Presidential Chancellery, were present.

New System Of Charges Likely

FROM PAGE ONE

gurt will soon be restored to normal good health.

In view of the invaluable nature of Mr Taggart's services to the Company, your Directors unanimously decided to vote him a retiring allowance of \$50,000, which I am confident you will readily recognise was only fitting in the circumstances.

Mr Sherry Appointed

Consequent upon Mr Taggart's retirement, your Board appointed your manager, Mr J. P. Sherry, to succeed Mr Taggart as Managing Director. Mr Sherry has been with your Company and its predecessors in business for some 22 years, of which 15 have been spent in the capacity of Manager, and is, therefore, fully qualified to take the position.

Referring to the Debit side of Profit and Loss Account, Royalties at \$299,453.73 represent the result of a full year's working under the Telephone Amendment Ordinance, and are \$23,901.76 in excess of the amount paid to Government in respect of the year 1939. Corporation Profits Tax appears in the Accounts for the first time in the substantial sum of \$60,407.40. Depreciation is on the same basis as in the previous year, and the final result shows an increase in the net profit for the year carried to the balance sheet of \$23,705.78.

Balance Sheet

I now come to the Balance Sheet, which I submit, reflects the soundness of the policy underlying the administration of your business— which latter continues to display the financial strength and stability which investors have come to regard as synonymous with your undertaking. Investments show an appreciation of \$157,021.76 over market value as at December 31, 1940, and the cash position must be a source of gratification to all shareholders. It should, of course, be borne in mind that the cash balance would have been substantially reduced had shipments of the new automatic exchange equipments come forward as originally anticipated.

Before concluding my remarks, I would like to pay tribute to your staff, of all grades, whose loyal co-operation has made it possible to present you with such satisfactory results on the financial year under review.

Other Business

The Hon. Mr A. L. Shields and Mr J. Scott Harston were re-elected Directors, on the motion of Mr A. N. Braude, seconded by Mr W. G. Griffin.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$4,600 on the motion of Mr D. Tolan, seconded by Mr C. Hatt.

Articles of Association

At the extraordinary meeting which followed immediately after, the Chairman, Mr J. Scott Harston asked the accountant, Mr J. M. Dalziel, to read the special resolution, which was as follows:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following: (a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article: 95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number." (b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

Mr Scott Harston said: Having regard to the expansion of your business, it has been deemed necessary to increase the maximum number of your Directors from eight to 10. This requires an alteration to Article No. 95 with a consequential amendment to Article No. 101 limiting the action of Directors if at any time the number falls below six instead of four; and the special resolution now before you is framed for the purpose of giving effect to the proposed amendments. I would add that the consent of the Governor-in-Council to these amendments has already been obtained. I now formally propose, as a Special Resolution, that the Articles of Association be amended in accordance with the terms of the Notice to Members dated March 5, 1941, a copy of which has been signed by myself as Chairman for purposes of identification, and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will second the motion.

The Special Resolution was seconded by Mr Chow Ping-on and carried unanimously.

The concluding business was the confirmation of the appointments of Messrs D. C. Edmondson and P. H. Sackling, who were invited to fill the two additional seats on the Board. These confirmations were proposed by Mr A. Vaswani, seconded by Mr Wong Chi-po, and carried unanimously.

Those Attending

Besides the Chairman, those pre-

until the necessary new equipment is available.

The Accounts

Turning now to the Accounts, it will be seen that the balance from Working Account is \$38,120.02 higher than that for the previous financial year. The item "Profit on Sale of Investments" relates mainly to the result of the sale in May 1940 of your Shanghai investments. Your Board considered it wise, having regard to the then existing conditions, and taking into account future probabilities, to liquidate your Shanghai holdings, and subsequent events have, as I think you will agree, justified the action taken.

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Turning to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, it will be observed that, subject to your approval, a Capital Reserve Instalment is proposed in the sum of \$92,577.00, thus bringing the total amount at credit of this account to \$706,404.43.

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There being no further matters calling for comment, I now beg formally to propose that the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the Financial Year ended December 31, 1940, as presented, be adopted.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Wong Chi-po, was carried unanimously.

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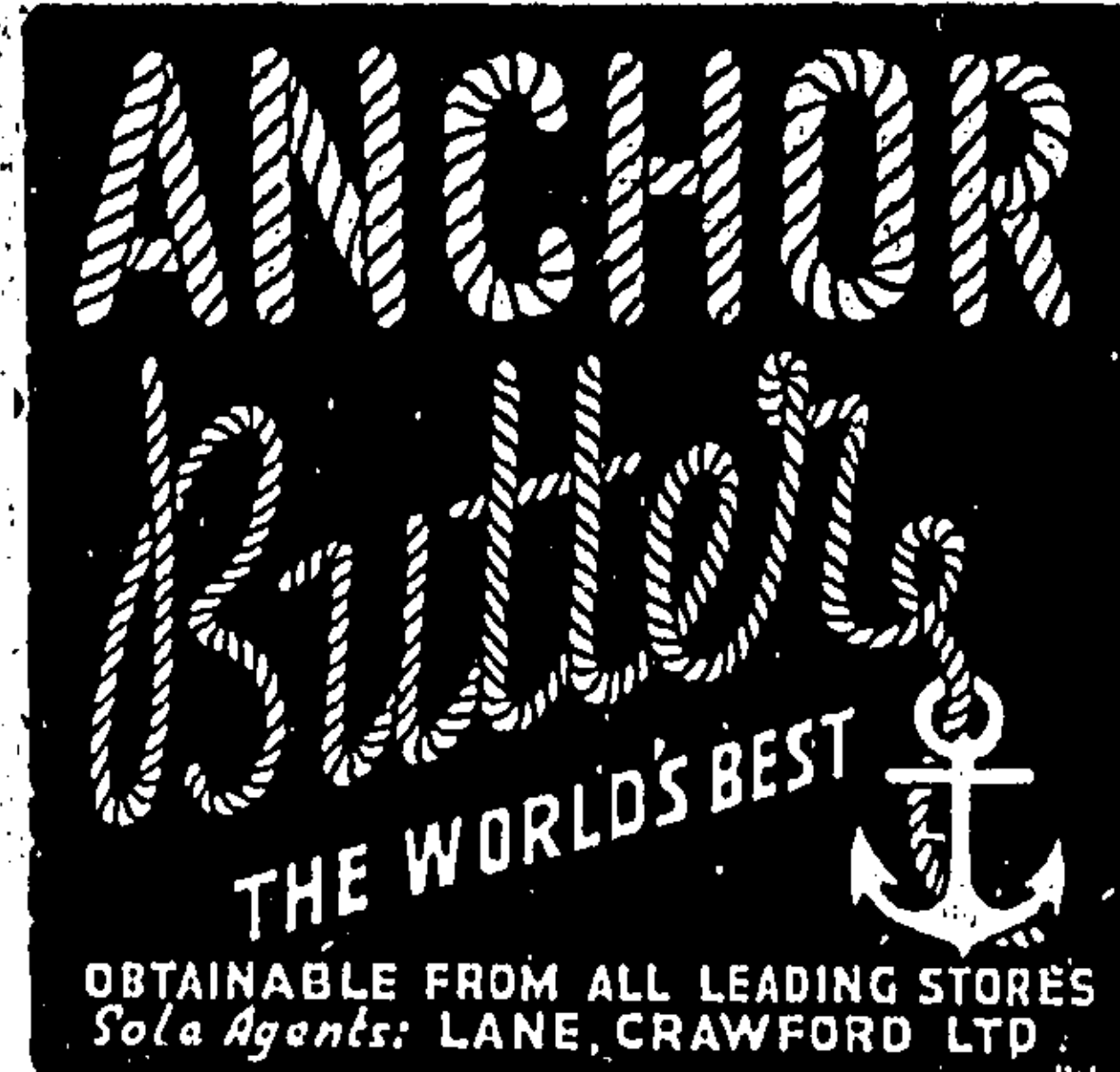
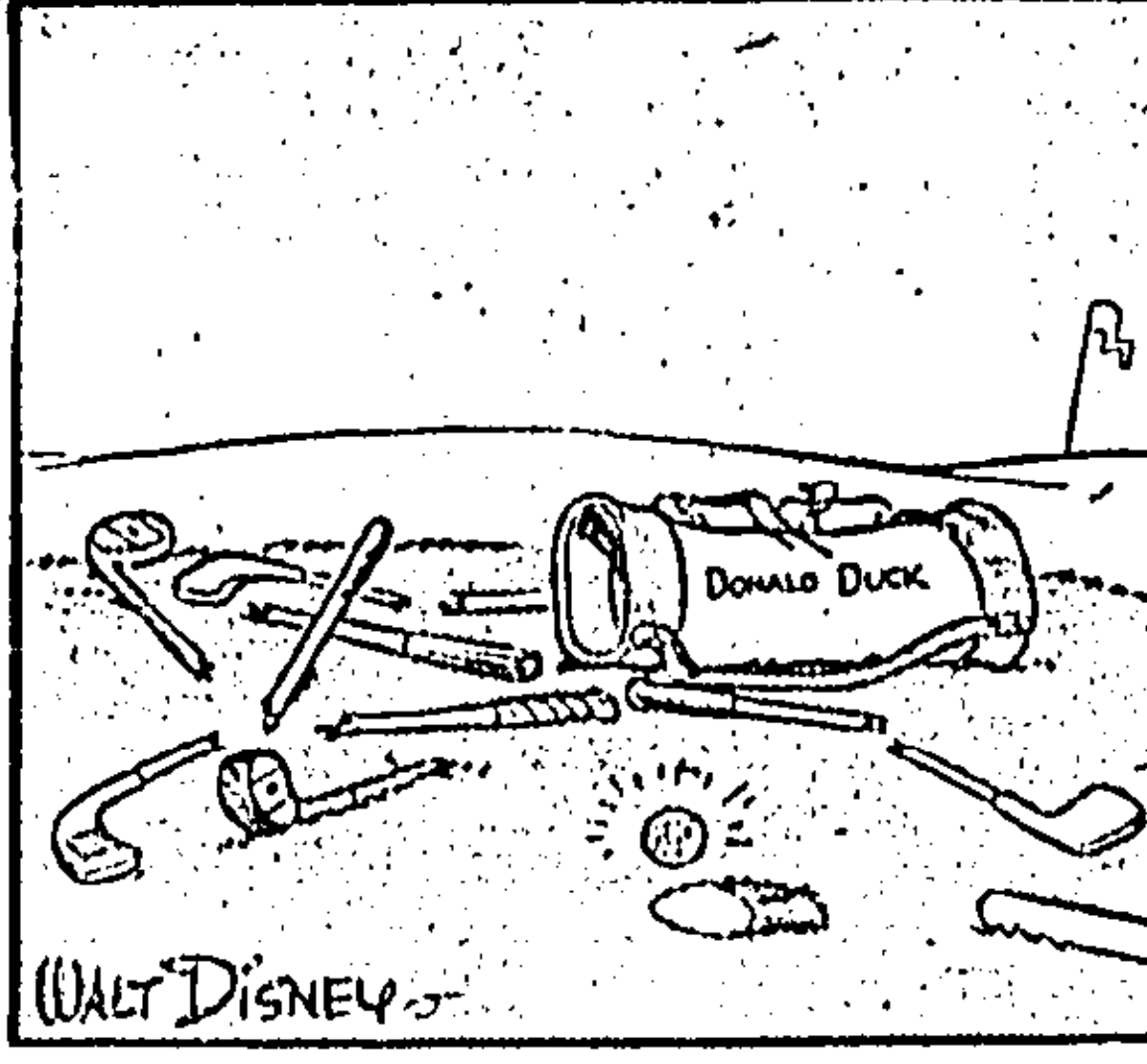
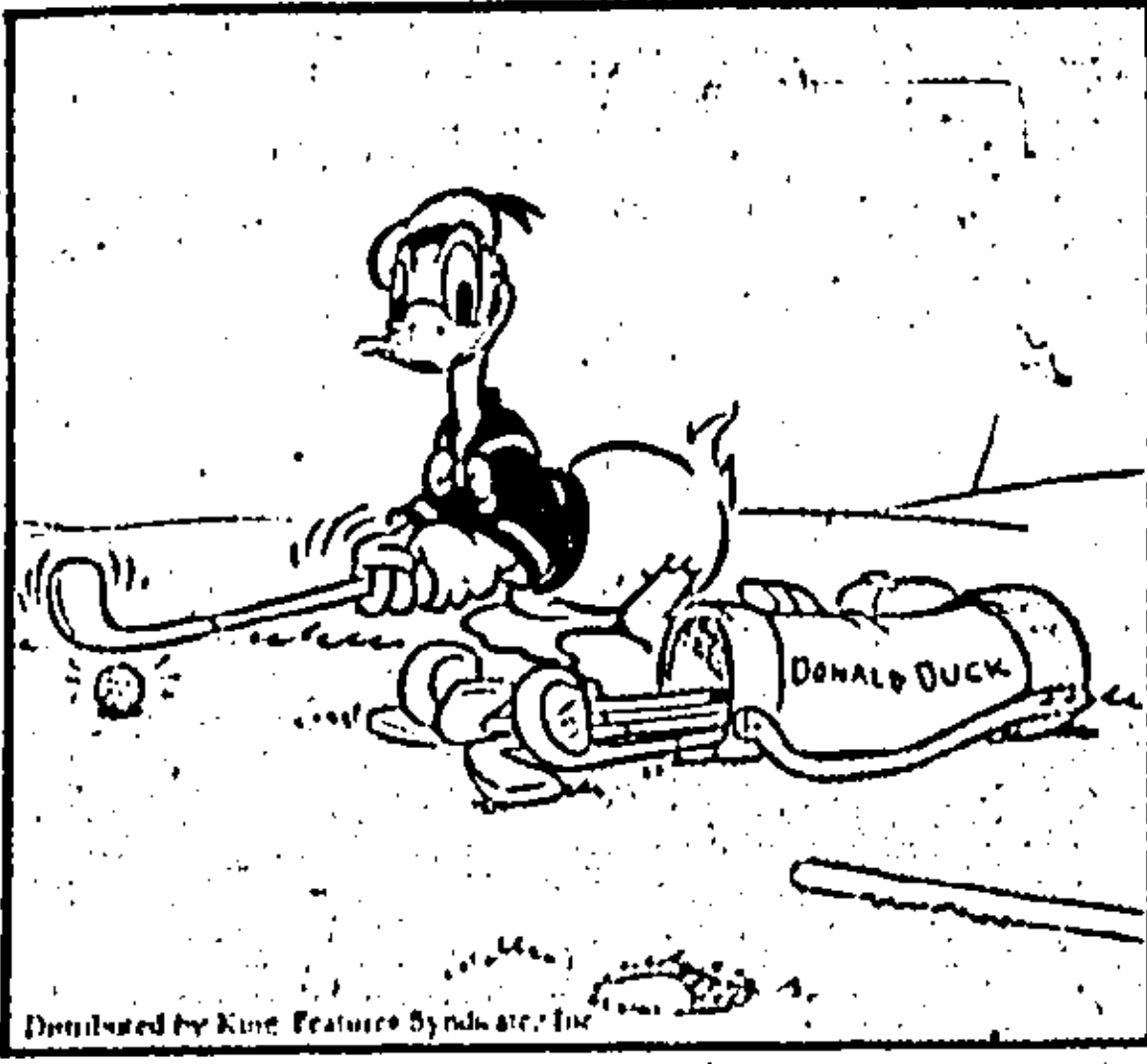
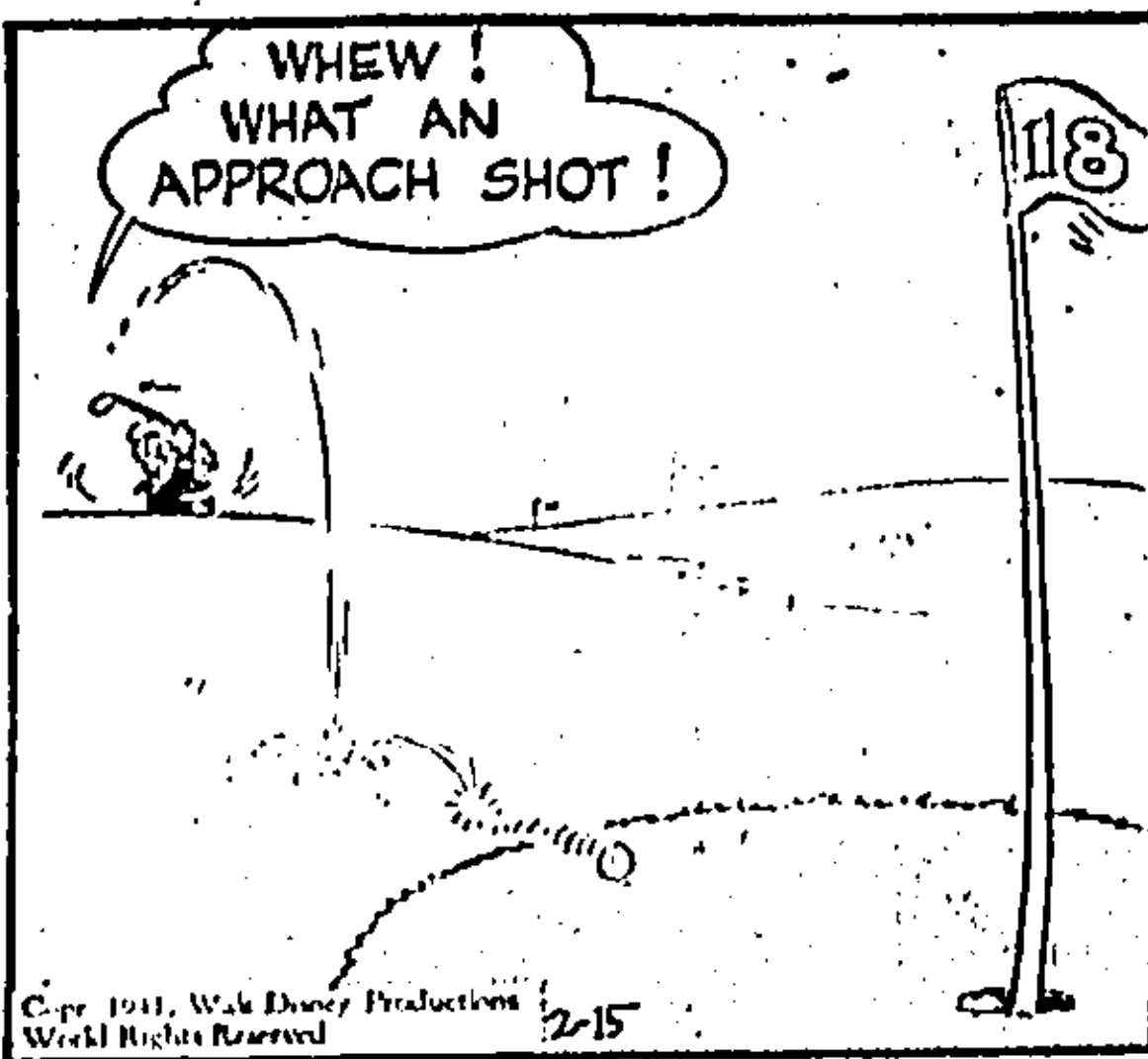
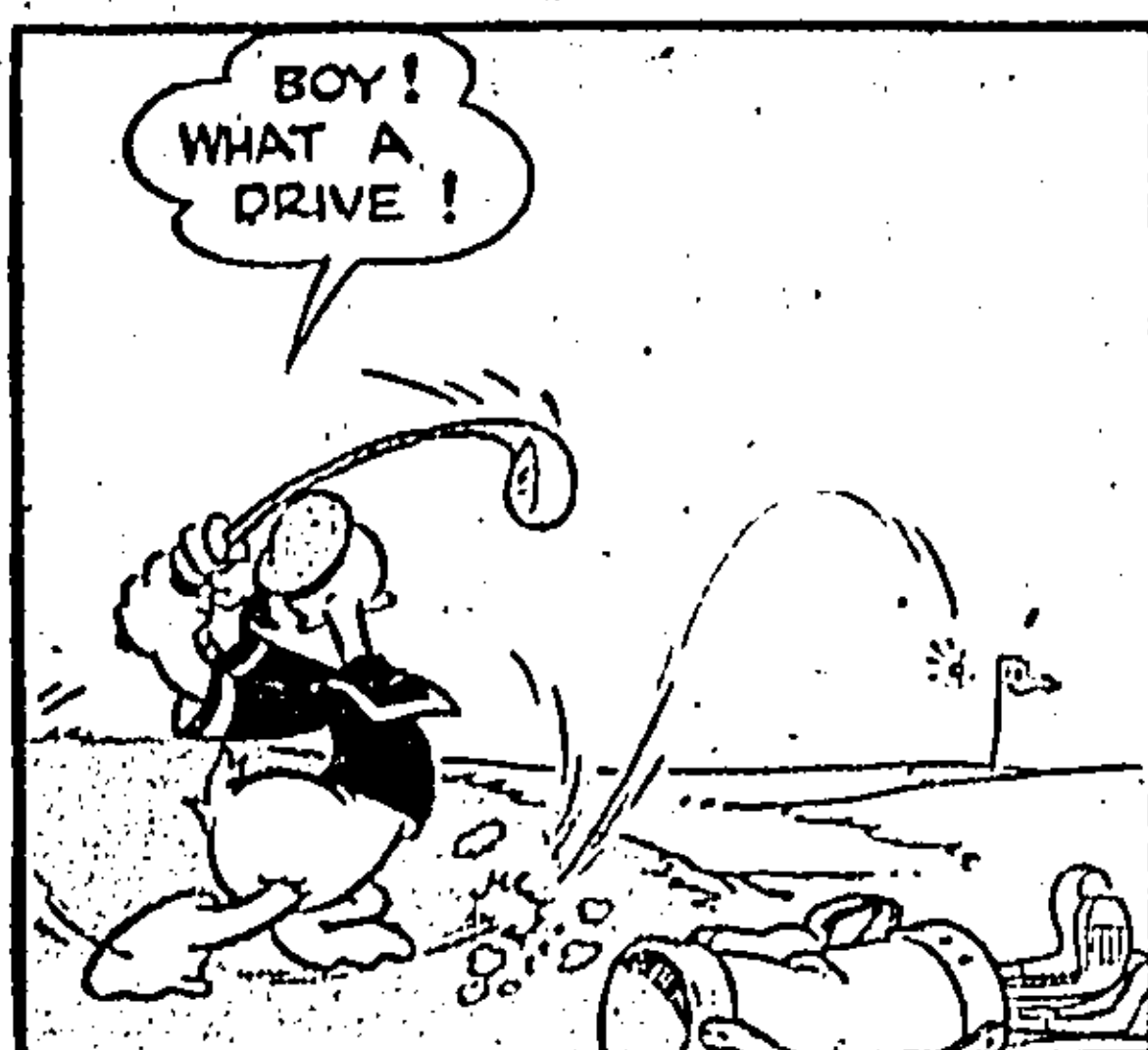
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Herr Doernberg, chief of the protocol, accompanied Mr Matsuoka from Bellevue Palace.

The agency adds that the Berlin population gave Mr Matsuoka an "enthusiastic reception." A Hitler bodyguard rendered military honours in the Hall of Honour in the Chancellery.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Daughter writes that she and her now husband are just too, too happy!—I simply must go and visit them!"

Crossword Puzzle

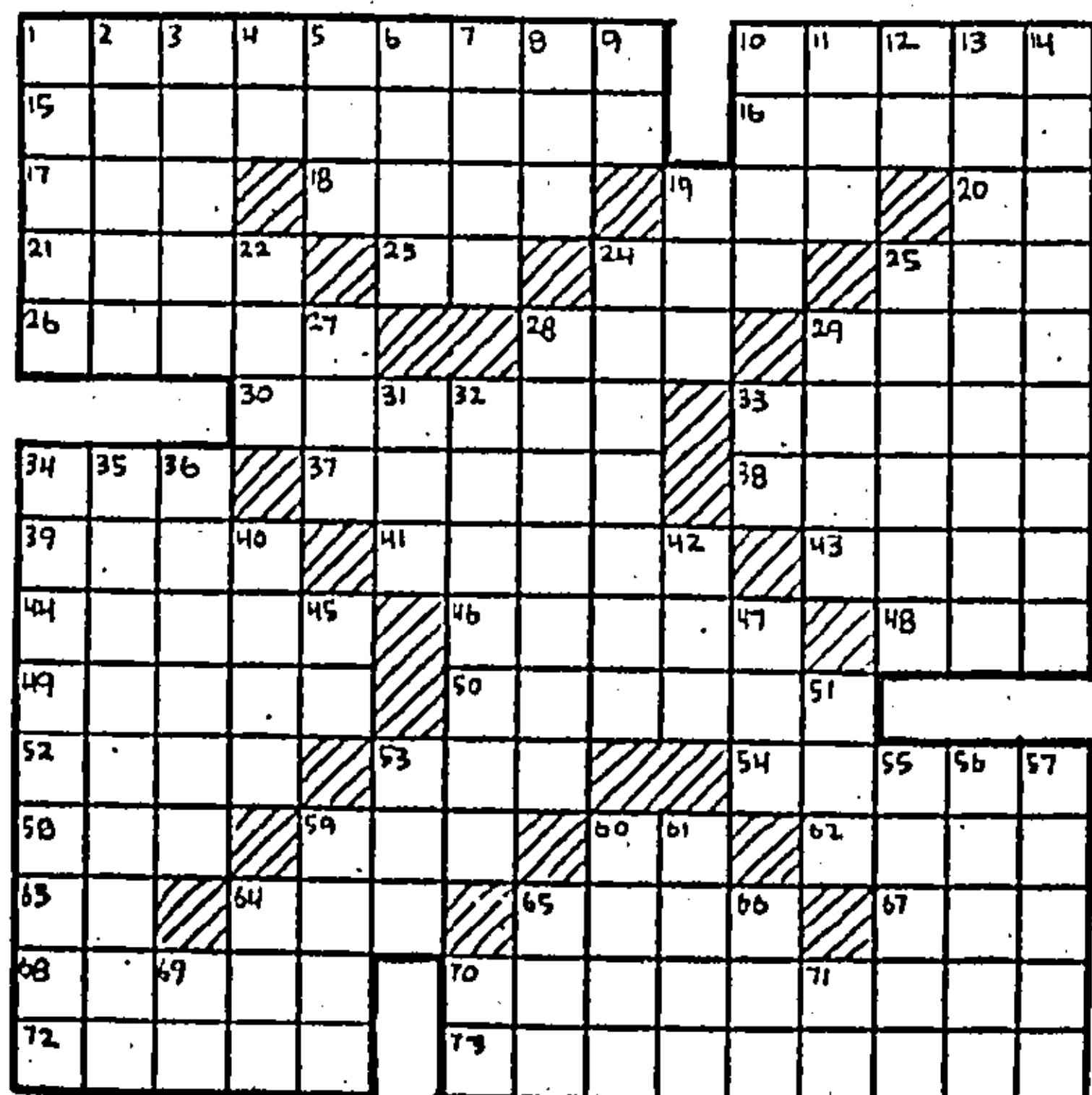
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Contest persons
- 2—Journey
- 3—Apex
- 4—Biblical word
- 5—Lincoln's nickname
- 6—One of Sunday's days
- 7—One around track
- 8—Radium
- 9—Peninsula
- 10—Exclamation
- 11—Crushing counter
- 12—Feline animal
- 13—Theater of ancient Greece
- 14—Dear tooth
- 15—Agreement
- 16—Clergyman
- 17—Machine tool
- 18—For
- 19—Sharp part of plant
- 20—Conjecture for omens
- 21—Strong brew
- 22—Musical instrument
- 23—Guitar-like instrument
- 24—Fast automobile
- 25—Come in
- 26—Theodore
- 27—Die down
- 28—Sow seeds again
- 29—Lead man
- 30—Fishing bow
- 31—Philippine Moslems
- 32—Worthless remnant
- 33—Owned
- 34—All of us
- 35—In India, Hindu woman's garment
- 36—French feminine article
- 37—Ambition
- 38—Wild animals
- 39—Excavate

DOWN

- 1—Percussion musical instrument
- 2—Laf in surrounding matter
- 3—Female relative
- 4—Imprudent uncouth
- 5—Label
- 6—Greenland base for Arctic exploration
- 7—Ancient Italian city
- 8—Prefix: three
- 9—Sunday School
- 10—Absolute ruler
- 11—Reputation (col.)
- 12—Lie (French)
- 13—Aeronaut's safety device
- 14—Broken into many pieces
- 15—Lair
- 16—In South Africa, dead-end
- 17—Head coverings
- 18—Material used for
- 19—National (abbr.)
- 20—Chalice for head
- 21—Stanza's name
- 22—Twelfth consonant in Greek alphabet
- 23—Became stave
- 24—Note of scale
- 25—Comic sections
- 26—Carefully wrought out
- 27—Calculate anew
- 28—Adjust
- 29—Observe
- 30—Concerning
- 31—American (abbr.)
- 32—In law, dower
- 33—Fruit jelly
- 34—Wireless receiver
- 35—Constellation
- 36—Fortress
- 37—Make silent sound
- 38—Attend
- 39—Girl's name
- 40—Amount (abbr.)
- 41—African unit
- 42—Pine
- 43—Treat against
- 44—Exist
- 45—Note of scale



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HOW STRONG IS THE NAZI LUFTWAFFE?

In an important article commenting on the recent American estimates of German aircraft strength, some of which gave figures as high as 70,000 with 36,000 "fighting" types, the "Sunday Times" Air Correspondent writes that most of the figures are nonsensical. Analysis will show that Germany probably has an absolute total of about 40,000 machines, of which fewer than 18,000 are "combat" types and the number available for full operation at any given time is about 9,000.

We know there are at present three Air Fleets (Luftflotte) operating against Britain. Air Fleet II, under Kesselring operating from Belgium, Northern France and Holland; Air Fleet III, under Sperrle, in the West of France; and Air Fleet V, under Stumpff, from Northern Holland and Germany Denmark and Norway.

Besides these there are Air Fleet I in Eastern Germany, Air Fleet IV under the Austrian Loehr with headquarters in Vienna; a sixth Air Fleet in Rumania, and an Independent Air Unit now in Italy.

Seven Regular Fleets

Thus there are seven regular Air Fleets. To these must be added the Naval Air Service, operating separately, and the Operational Training Division, which together constitute the total "first line" strength of the Luftwaffe.

To ascertain the total strength of these formations we must examine more closely the structure of the German Air Force.

Each German squadron (Staffel), fighter, bomber, or reconnaissance, had a peacetime strength of nine aeroplanes, now expanded to twelve, with a further three in reserve. Three squadrons form a Wing (Gruppe) and three Wings a Group (Geschwader). Two fighter Groups and one reconnaissance Wing form one Air Corps (Flieger Korps) representing the fighter protection allotted to each Division. Three bomber Groups, one fighter Group and one reconnaissance Wing go to make a Division, with a total of about 480 machines,

not counting reserves or transports.

Three Divisions

Each Air Fleet is composed of three Divisions and one fighter Air Corps, making a total of about 1,700 aeroplanes, some 1,000 of which are bombers, seventy-five reconnaissance and 625 fighters. At any given time about one-quarter of these will be unserviceable, undergoing overhaul or repair. Therefore the total effective strength of an Air Fleet at any moment is about 1,300 aeroplanes.

The strength of the Naval Air Service is reliably put at 1,000 aeroplanes of all types—about 500 operational at any moment. The Operational Training Division adds a further 400 immediately serviceable types, and the special Transport Organisation is reported to have some 2,000 transport aeroplanes for parachute troops and so forth.

Special Units

The Luftwaffe also has special transport units attached to each squadron for carrying ground personnel. For instance, each fighter group of 140 machines has thirty transports attached.

Thus, as far as can be estimated without reference to official sources, the total strength of the Luftwaffe may be set out as below:

(A equals strength plus first-line Reserve immediately available and Transports. B equals operational strength at any moment.)

Six Air Fleets: A, 16,500. B, 7,800.

Independent Air Unit: A, 2,750. B, 1,300.

Naval Air Service: A, 1,000. B, 500.

Operational Training: A, 650. B, 400.

Transport Organisation: A, 3,500. B, 2,000.

Total: A, 24,400. B, 12,000.

Behind all this will lie a reserve pool and unfinished machines of approximately 50 per cent., as well as some 5,000 trainers, and communication aircraft. This brings the absolute grand total of all planes to about 40,000.

No estimate is complete without mention of production and losses.

R.A.F. Victories

Records show that the Royal Air Force has scored nearly 6,000 confirmed victories over German aeroplanes in all engagements since the war began. Experience suggests that a reasonable estimate is that for every machine lost in combat two are put out of service by accidents and unrecorded victories. This does not include training losses, usually estimated at 15 per cent. per month.

Thus we reckon that the total losses of the Luftwaffe since the war began, counting

the Polish, Norwegian, Dutch, Belgium, French, and British campaigns, is not far short of 24,000 machines. Compared with this, the R.A.F. has lost just under 1,800 aeroplanes in action, so that on the same basis the total British losses would be about 5,500 aeroplanes—and now the Royal Air Force has more machines than ever before.

German Production

When the war began, German production of first-line types was about 1,000 a month. It is now estimated at about 1,600 a month (total about 2,300 of all types). An average of 1,400 first-line machines a month would not be far wrong. Thus to replace losses of 24,000, the enemy has built about the same number or slightly less, and the Luftwaffe cannot be considered to have expanded during the war. That is an important point and may explain puzzling features in the operations of the past months.

To return to American figures, an obvious explanation of the figure of thirty-one divisions quoted is a mistake in appreciating the composition of Air Fleets. Taking the independent air unit as a separate fleet we have seven air fleets made up of twenty-one divisions and ten air corps. These have a total strength with immediate Reserves, but without Transport, of 15,800 aircraft which is reasonably close to the 18,000 quoted.

Operational Strength

But only three of them, with a total strength of about 6,800 aeroplanes and operational strength of 3,900, are at present facing Britain. A point of particular significance is that we find no records of the Germans having put more than 2,500 aeroplanes into the air on any one day, even during weeks of maximum effort. Aerodromes they now occupy in France are primitive. The capacity is limited by the number of aeroplanes which can be handled by ground crews over any period.

Such limitations present themselves whenever a big campaign is undertaken.

Coming Attack

The strength of the coming attack is thus fairly clear. If Germany were free of all other commitments and could concentrate her total operational units, she might be able to attack with about 9,000 aeroplanes, 4,500 of which would be bombers. This total, irrespective of losses in action, would soon be reduced for operational forces to about 6,000.

In fact, Germany dare not take the risk of withdrawing the units from Poland, Italy, and the Balkans, even if she could hope to operate them from the available air fields. She will be lucky if she can assemble a total of 6,000 aeroplanes for the opening of the assault on Britain.

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GERMANY WORRIED BY LATEST TURN IN YUGO-SLAVIAN SITUATION

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Mar. 27 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Germany has urgently requested Belgrade to indicate immediately, whether or not Yugo-Slavia will endorse the tri-power pact.

Prince Peter Takes Over
BELGRADE, Mar. 27 (UP).—The new Government took over authority at 2 a.m. to-day and King Peter II assumed Royal Power at 3 a.m., when he issued his proclamation. Yugo-Slavian mobilisation has been accelerated and is expected to be completed soon.

The German and Italian Ministers visited the new Government this morning and were informed that Yugo-Slavia desires to maintain friendly relations with Germany and Italy.

The former Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Cvetkovitch, and M. Cincar-Markovitch respectively, and other Government officials, were at first detained at the police station, but according to the latest reports they are now at General Staff Headquarters, and it is believed that they will be subjected to house detention. At 4 a.m. King Peter drove through the city alone and was cheerfully welcomed. Many quarters asserted that it is perfectly obvious that the new Government is a spontaneous expression of the people's will, reacting to recent events.

The American and British flags were hung on buildings and one American flag, garlanded with flowers, was cheered lustily when carried through the streets. Prince Paul left by train last night intending to go to his country estate near the German frontier, but he was stopped at Slak near Zagreb and was turned back. He is now reported to be in the White Palace.

The "United Press" correspondent was telephoning this message to Zurich at 9.30 on Thursday night and the streets were still completely filled with people shouting "Down with the pact! Down with the Hitler! Down with Hitler!"

New Cabinet
BELGRADE, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The new Cabinet has been completed by General Simovitch, with himself as Prime Minister.

The three members who resigned from the former cabinet as a protest against the signing of the Tripartite Pact return to office. They are M. Kulovetz, who becomes Minister of Public Works; M. Tschubricovitch, who becomes Minister of Agriculture; and M. Budshievitch, who resumes office as Minister of the Interior.

The Croat leader, Dr. Mactchek, becomes the first Vice-Premier. Although he was a member of the previous Cabinet and a party to the adherence to the Tripartite Pact, he has always opposed subservience to Germany.

Dr. Yovanovitch, appointed second Vice-Premier, was among those who had earlier appealed to Prince Paul against the signature of the Axis Pact.

The Cabinet includes representatives of all the leading Serb, Croat and Slovene Parties.

Full Aid of U.S.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The United States has promised Yugo-Slavia full aid if she is forced to resist aggression.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at a press conference to-day that the United States Minister in Belgrade has been instructed to inform the Yugo-Slav Government that the change in power in Yugo-Slavia is widely welcomed in the United States as a matter of self-congratulation to every liberty-loving man and woman and that in accordance with the Lease and Lend Act, President Roosevelt is able, in the interest of national defence of the United States, to render effective material assistance to nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity against aggression.

Mr. Welles also indicated that Yugo-Slav assets in the United States, which were frozen this week, might be released.

Benefits Previously Urged
NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—

News of the revolution in Yugo-Slavia is not entirely unexpected in official circles in Washington in view of the recent reports of anti-Axis sentiment.

While it is denied that the United States administration has done anything in the nature of advising Belgrade, the United States has undoubtedly placed clearly before the Belgrade Government in recent days the benefits of British and American aid which would accrue to Yugo-Slavia if she resisted the Axis.

Axis Is Silent
LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Axis is significantly silent on to-day's developments in Yugo-Slavia.

Competent circles in Berlin stated that up to mid-day to-day they had received "no authentic information in regard to events in Belgrade," states the official German news agency. Therefore, official and semi-official circles in Berlin refrain from taking up any attitude in the matter.

Italian official quarters likewise decline to express any view concerning the Belgrade events, according to wireless reports from Rome.

No telephone message has been received from the Italian Legation in Belgrade, it is added.

Greeks Happy
ATHENS, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav coup d'etat was received with great enthusiasm here. Crowds gathered outside the Yugo-Slav Legation shouting "Long live King Peter."

Men read special newspaper editions with trembling hands and strangers in the streets shook hands excitedly. The King of Greece entered military headquarters smiling happily and broad smiles broke out on the faces of his Ministers.

Demonstrations of support for Yugo-Slavia were general in Salonika. Local Serbian residents showed unrestrained joy and there were also scenes of fervent enthusiasm on the Albanian front. At points where Greeks and Yugo-Slavs are in contact, soldiers of the two countries embraced each other and salute their respective flags.

Most Cheering News
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Belgrade coup d'etat is the sole topic here, where it is described as the most cheering news since the British and Greeks' defeats of the Italians.

It is thought here that this first major diplomatic defeat for Hitler will be of enormous importance elsewhere than in the Balkans.

Impressing Matsuo
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—It is thought here that Hitler demanded signature by Yugo-Slavia of the Axis Pact when he did in order to impress Mr. Matsuo and to induce Japan to enter the war.

Political circles here are of the opinion that Russian support of Turkey plus the Yugo-Slav revolt will, with the fighting spirit of the Greeks and British troops in the Balkans, present an array of strength in the Balkans formidable enough to make Hitler pause before launching a large-scale offensive.

In addition, the change in the Yugo-Slav situation will prove a fatal blow to the Italian forces in Albania.

General Strike In Syria

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—A general strike has broken out in many centres in Syria, says a Jerusalem dispatch to the independent French agency.

Offices have been closed and traffic has been suspended in Damascus, Hama, Hama, Aleppo and other towns. It is stated, while military forces have been sent to Damascus and Aleppo.

Leaders of the "national bloc," who instigated the movement, claim a wide degree of autonomy for Syria and the calling of the national assembly.

IF NAZIS MAKE GAS ATTACKS

Britain Is Ready

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Government is taking steps to ensure that the whole population is in a full state of preparedness against gas attacks.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, assured the House of Commons to-day that Britain will in no circumstances be the first to use gas, but the Germans' record showed that they would stop at nothing.

In reply to a question whether that statement meant that Britain would retaliate if the enemy used it first, Mr. Morrison invited the House to draw their own conclusion from his words.

Chinese Press Past Kaoan

KAOAN, Mar. 27 (Central News).—Chinese forces in pursuit of the Japanese fleeing Kaoan have advanced to Lushui and Ninghai, north-western Kiangsi near the Hupai border. The Japanese suffered severe loss including two detachment commanders named Sasaki and Tanaka. Besides taking more than 150 prisoners, the Chinese have captured several hundred war horses, numerous field pieces, some 200 light and heavy machine guns and countless rifles.

As a result of vigorous mopping-up operations carried out by the Chinese during the past two days, Suzuki and other points south-west of Kaoan are now completely cleared of Japanese stragglers. The remnant Japanese on the south bank of the Chin River are also being rapidly rounded up.

Japanese Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
ON THE KIANGSI FRONT, Mar. 27 (Domel).—Continuing mopping-up operations against the remnants of the Chinese troops totalling 100,000 in north-western Kiangsi Province, Japanese units are pounding the Chinese between Shanghaio and Tangsu. Japanese units occupied Tsongkiahiao, 15 miles west of Kaoan.

Up to March 26, the Chinese abandoned 2,400 dead while 225 Chinese troops have been taken prisoner. The Japanese also captured three heavy machine-guns, 16 light machine-guns, and quantities of other arms, munitions and provisions.

Casualties In Kiangsi
CHUNGKING, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The Japanese lost 20,000 killed and wounded in Kiangsi Province, declared a Chinese military spokesman. More than 50 junk with Japanese troops were sunk by the Chinese, the spokesman claimed, adding that 3,000 casualties were suffered by the Japanese south-east of Nanjing.

North of Hoifung
SIHUKWAN, Mar. 27 (Central News).—Heavy fighting is proceeding north of Hoifung in the Hongkoi Bay region, southern Kwangtung, where two Japanese columns following their landing at Swabue and Houman on March 24 have been pushing vigorously inland.

Chaoyang
HANGNING, Mar. 27 (Central News).—Chinese troops are launching a vigorous counter-attack on the Japanese at Chaoyang, which was penetrated on March 24.

Train Blow Up
SHANGHAI, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Several hundred Japanese troops, including many high officers, were killed when a troop train hit a large mine in the vicinity of Chieh Hsien, in Shansi Province, says a Chinese press report which adds that remnants of the Japanese were ambushed and attacked by Chinese guerrillas.

Beef For U. S. Soldiers

Buying From S. America
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Senator Alva Adams to-day told the United Press that the United States Army is contemplating buying 20,000,000 pounds of tinned beef from South America annually if Congress permits it.

He declared the War Department spokesman told the Appropriations sub-committee that the War Department would restrict their purchases to this figure but the committee feared that the Army would buy much more unless some restriction was applied.

It is learned that one Senator told the committee at last Wednesday's hearing that if the War Department was permitted to purchase 20,000,000 pounds "it would only be the beginning." It is understood that the Navy Department contemplates buying about 400,000 pounds.

Mr Churchill Signs Leases Conceding Atlantic Bases

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—In a felicitous atmosphere, the Anglo-American agreement for leasing Atlantic bases to the United States was signed in the Cabinet Room, 10 Downing Street, this afternoon.

Mr Winston Churchill made a happy gesture to the American signatories by using four special fountain pens which were afterwards presented to Mr John G. Winant, the American Ambassador, and three colleagues as mementoes.

Each recipient's name was engraved on each pen.

Text Released
LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The text of the Anglo-American Lease Bases agreement, signed to-day, was issued together with an official statement.

The statement says that the signing of the agreement, coming so soon after the passing of the Lease and Lend Act, "marks one more stage in the development of the policy of good-neighbourliness and friendly co-operation to which the two democracies in their common interests have devoted themselves."

"British interests are no less than American and the interests of the colonies themselves, where the bases are situated, and Canada and Newfoundland will be served by the arrangement under which the fullest and freest facilities possible should be given to the United States in order that they may ensure what the Prime Minister described as security against the dangers of the future."

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12.30 Schumann—Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17—1st Mov. In modo fantastico—Alla leggenda—Tempo primo; 2nd Mov. Moderato, Sempre energico; 3rd Mov. Andante sostenuto.

1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Tony Martin (Vocal).

1.10 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 John Boss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea Shanties—Blow the Man down; Tom's Gone to Hilo (arr. Terry); Agincourt; Here's a Health unto his Majesty; Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); Shenandoah (arr. Terry).

2.00 Marcel Faloutti at the Organ, Jan Klepura Film, Melodies; Musica Prohibita (Castaldon); La Danza (Rossini).

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music by The Organ, The Dance Band and Me; Benny Goodman and His Orchestra; Geraldo and His Orchestra; Geraldo and His Gaucho Tango Orchestra; Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
7.40 Studio—Talk on the Rotary Five Day by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor.

7.45 Student Songs—Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn); The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. H. M.); Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus. My Old Shako (Barron and Trotter).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 Dance Music.
8.15 Studio—"A Motor Tour Through The Balkans"—Talk by Mr. B. E. Sugars.

8.35 Variety by Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra; Turner Layton; Gerald and His Accordion Band; and Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the House."

9.30 Excerpts from Wagner's "The Valkyrie" Arranged by Leopold Stokowski; Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) as Wotan.

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The Pathétique).

1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov. Allegro con grazia; 3rd Mov. Allegro molto vivace; 4th Mov. Adagio-lamentoso-Andante; Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

11.00 Close Down.

Demands Made On Indo-China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Fresh Japanese demands on French Indo-China are given prominence in the official "Central Daily News," which states that Japan is demanding:

(1) That French Indo-China join the "East Asia sphere of mutual prosperity";
(2) Signing of an Indo-China-Japan commercial treaty in which import duty is reduced on Japanese goods which are to be given the most favoured treatment;
(3) Japan be allowed to station 2,000 troops and also warships in Saigon Bay;
(4) Ports in Camranh Bay to be leased to Japan for a period of 15 years;

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(5) No restriction on the number of Japanese troops stationed in areas to the north of Haiphong;
(6) Japan be allowed to develop waste land in French Indo-China. The Chinese daily also claims that Japan is demanding the use of air fields in north-west Thailand. Though Thailand has declined to accept this demand, it is stated that one squadron of Japanese planes for a Thai airfield has taken off from Formosa.

Goods Into China.

HANOI, Mar. 28 (Domel).—Two members of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China will leave to-day for northern border areas to investigate the recurrent reports that large quantities of goods are being transported across the frontier into China.

One Japanese officer is proceeding to Loakai Station on the railway line leading into Yunnan, while the other is going to Chobang on the highway connecting Indo-China with Kwangsi Province.

COURAGE OF BOY KING Kept In Shadow

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The manly and courageous role played by the Boy King, Peter of Yugo-Slavia, has caused a fierce pride but not surprise among those in London who know him best.

Although kept in the shadow by the Regent, Prince Paul, and a group of pro-Axis politicians, the youthful monarch has watched events silently. He has not been a puppet in the recent dramatic events but has been quietly awaiting his hour.

Prophecy-Fulfilled

The last diplomatic bag to reach London from Belgrade arrived here four weeks ago and contained a letter from King Peter to one of his most intimate confidants in London. It may now be revealed that in this letter the King wrote: "I am waiting for the day when Yugo-Slavia will decide against the Nazis so that I can take charge of the Army."

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Second Extra Meeting To-morrow

Broken Hill H'cap

Outstanding Australians For A "Classic" Race

I FIRMLY BELIEVE that the Broken Hill Handicap will provide the best event of the afternoon. It is for "A" class Australian ponies over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in. Sapper has been set to give 7 lb. of lead to Distant View and United Express, and I cannot say just yet whether the course is going to be firm or soft.

Hobart H'cap
(First Section)

Several Favourites For First Leg

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double event is on the Hobart Handicap (First section) for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs. When Many Thanks came home first in the Wokool Handicap on the Second Day of the Annual Carnival, there was nearly an inch and a half of water on the track.

It was a sorry story from the viewpoint of punters because they could not follow the race, and it was also in this event that Fair Chance and Melody Star bumped their jockeys.

There is no certainty that Many Thanks will have a water course to-morrow and furthermore, the presence of Vanity Fair will be a menace to his second success.

Contact by Double Court is dangerous on account of an allowance of 7 lb., and the mare must be considered as one of the favourites.

Criffel is another that we must not overlook provided, of course, Mr. Needa does not put extra weight aboard.

Kongmun Plate

Chance For Non-Winners To Collect

IN the opening event, Kongmun Plate, the lean on winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes has precluded the entry of several China pony griffins of this season, and this is to give others a chance of collecting a few dollars.

Lovelylight is no doubt the pick among the list of entries, but has the mare fully recovered from a stiff shoulder after running the Hongkong Derby, and the same may be asked of Glossylight in the Racing Stakes?

Eve of Grandeur, the cream of Sir Victor's string, has also been on the sick list and the heavy going was to a certain extent responsible for the temporary suspension. I doubt if this chestnut or the other two from the Clie's stable will be able to line up.

However, in their absence, the order of the finish should be Iron Beauty, Odcon and Lovely View.

Distant View, Sapper And United Express To Run Together: Fight For Stewards' Cup

THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTEST of the Second Extra Race Meeting to-morrow at Happy Valley is the Stewards' Cup, a handicap for Australian pony griffins of this season, and the winner is to receive a silver trophy presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club plus the stake money of \$1,500.

Classification Lists

This is a new event and I am sure that there will be a big fight for it. In addition there are eight other interesting races, the majority being handicap events.

Luckily the First Extra Meeting was held last Saturday without any further postponement.

and this, of course, gave an opportunity to the classification sub-committee to hold their meeting last Sunday morning.

The classification list shows the creation of an "A" class, a new section for Australian ponies, and it augurs well for those unfortunate subscribers who drew stummers. However, the new list comprising five sheets is too long to reproduce in this column, but there has no doubt been a great deal of demotions among the old Australian and China ponies.

A Strong Class

IN the "B" Class raters of Australian ponies, Ajax, A Roaring Time, Derby Day, Flying Dutchman, Franklin and Income Tax have been drafted to the "C" and the company is now a strong unit.

Of the "B" Class China ponies, the transfer of Blue Diamond, Expansion Time, Jennifer, Jober, King Kong, Lancashire Lass and Thirty Six to "C" Division will undoubtedly provide good racing.

It is interesting that the two sections of the Fatshan Handicap for "C" Class China ponies to-morrow will be ridden by "red-letters" jockeys, and it is a sprint from the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

The Big Event

THOUGH it is not a classic event, the Broken Hill Handicap has attracted three equine stars, namely Distant View (the best Australian griffin), Sapper (the Spring Champion) and United Express (the champion subscription pony).

The run is over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and it is reliably learned that all are definitely facing the start. The sight of these three great battlers should draw a big crowd of racing enthusiasts, and it will be the best event of the meet.

Hobart H'cap
(Second Section)

Complication Of Weights For Second Leg

THE SECOND LEG of the daily double event on the Hobart Handicap (second section) for "B" class Australian ponies looks easy to spot the winner, but the handicapper has assigned Devonian, Happy Landings, Pumpernickel, Venus Bay and Vixen Tor to this division with the result that it has complicated matters.

With the exception of these five old raters, all others are winning subscription ponies of the current season and the run is only six furlongs.

In the latter company we have not seen National Welfare after running unplaced in the Rotoy-Hill Derby, but the mare's success in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) over six furlongs in 1.19 1/4 has no doubt prompted the weight adjuster to level her with Happy Returns.

By the way, the Chinese hoop, Mr B. L. Eao is once again under the Stewards' orders not to don the silk to-morrow, but the mount on National Welfare has been accepted by Mr Wei.

Happy Returns will be ridden by Mr L. B. Chao. However, these two ponies are nearly at the head of the handicaps and both of them are on the same line with Devonian.

Stiff Proposition

LADY Northcote's candidate ran a good race behind Connieber (winner) in the Moonie Ponds Handicap last Saturday, but Mr Alves has set her nomination to be 7 lb. better than Pumpernickel and Vixen Tor. This is undoubtedly a stiff proposition.

I see that Venus Bay has been promoted without a win in the "C" class, and the mare by Double Court is not out of the running. There are, in my estimation, half dozen racers with equal chances and I will make my final selection to-morrow.

Stewards' Cup

Oracle And Colooma To Battle Again

Several Promising Ponies

AFTER HER FINE successful performance in the Oakleigh Plate last Saturday, in which the mare set up a record time of 1.44 for the mile, Oracle with the same jockey in the saddle should be able to capture the Stewards' Cup for the owner.

Looking over the handicaps I see that Oracle is on the same level with Colooma, and I wonder whether there has not been a flaw in framing the weights.

When they met in the Austral Racing Stakes over the champion course, the winner (Colooma) beat Oracle by a tiny short head after a very exciting finish down the straight and Colooma was then giving 3 lb. to the loser.

They have not clashed since that run, and it seems to me that the levelling of the two contenders was apparently due to the record time established by Oracle. Rightly or wrongly we shall know how it works out to-morrow, and it is hoped that the result will turn in favour of the gentleman handing out the poundage.

Most Dangerous

THE most dangerous candidate is Nomine Poenne, provided the mare will not act the goat. Marsh Warbler is nicely in on handicap, but I believe the run over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, is not her distance.

Gloaming with Mr Poy up is going to make a strong bid for the cup, but I am afraid the "evening twilight" will not cross the line first. Dynast's representative has nothing to complain about the weight, having only 137 lb. to carry, and there is certainly a golden opportunity for King's Welcome to break the sequence of finishing fourth in all her five outings.

The Nineteenth Hole may put up an appearance, but it looks that the Golf's representative is not yet ready.

Canton H'cap
(Second Section)

Lilliber On Book Form

ON THE BOOK FORM which I have always found the surest guide, Lilliber (L. B. Chao) should be a paper-certainty for the Canton Handicap, (second section) for "B" class China ponies and the mare likes a run over six furlongs.

The second best is Hughber (G. Trevorton) from the same stable and stern opposition is sure to come from Galaxy, the winner of St Andrew's Cup.

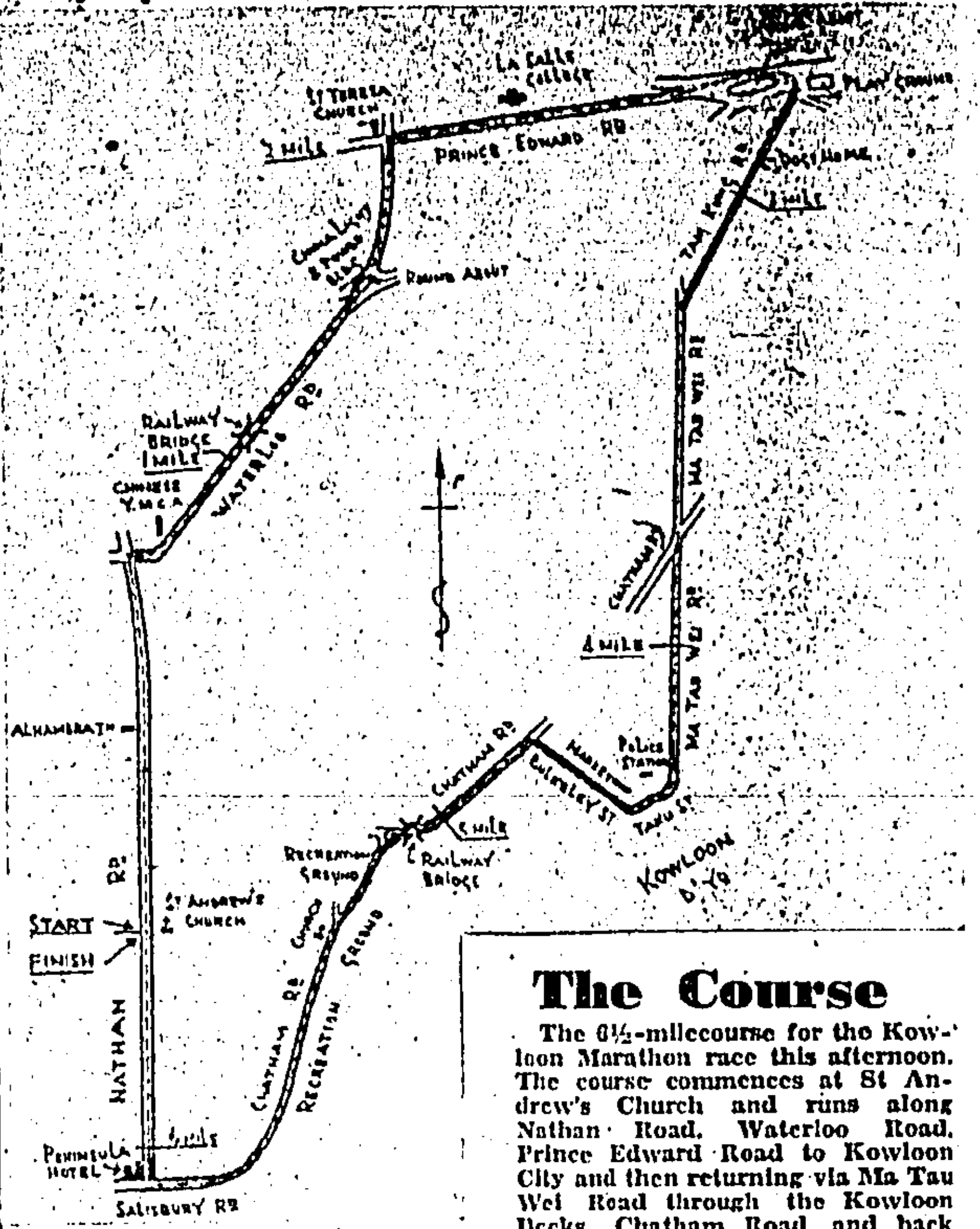
Badminton Championship Matches To-day

BADMINTON Championship schedule for this evening is as follows:

AT RECREIO
7 p.m.—J. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung (Junior Singles).
7.30 p.m.—P. Wong v. D. Kwok (Senior Singles).
8.15 p.m.—N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (Junior Singles).
8.45 p.m.—A. L. Fisher v. Peter Lo (Junior Singles).
9.15 p.m.—W. Gillies and J. L. Anderson v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Junior Doubles).

International XI

The following will represent the International F.C. in their Third Division football match against the R.A.F. on Saturday on the Chatham Road ground at 3 p.m.:
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The Course

The 6 1/2-mile course for the Kowloon Marathon race this afternoon. The course commences at St Andrew's Church and runs along Nathan Road, Waterloo Road, Prince Edward Road to Kowloon City and then returning via Ma Tau Wei Road through the Kowloon Docks, Chatham Road and back along Nathan Road.

Kowloon Marathon This Afternoon

Only Nineteen Entries

ONLY 19 ENTRIES have been received for the 20th Annual Kowloon Marathon this afternoon, which commences at 5 p.m. Favourite is Pte Manson, the Royal Scots, though the present warm weather and the small field do not promise very good times.

Canton H'cap
(First Section)

Velvetlight Looks A Certainty

WITH DUE RESPECT to Eve of Heaven, Gay Star and White Diamond who have recently been demoted, it looks that Velvetlight is a certainty for the Canton Handicap (first section) and the stallion will be piloted by Mr Peter Wei. The combination is, therefore, with solid qualifications. I understand that White Diamond is dotty. As place-getters Conquering Time and Eve of Heaven are recommended.

The entries are:
Middlesex Regt.—Sgt Baker, Cpl Hobson, L/Cpl Anderson, Pte Merton, Pte Shaw, Pte Sturges, Pte Mansfield, Pte Caul, Pte Hughes, Pte Robertson and Pte Nobel.
Royal Signals—Sgtm Harkinson, Sgtm Lewis, Sgtm Lithauer, Royal Scots—Pte Scott and Pte Manson.
R.A.F.—L. A/C Moulton, Civilians—S. N. J. Aromin and C. Truax.
The race starts from St Andrew's Church and finishes at the same line. Three cups will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, while a special trophy is being presented for St Andrew's Club Fellowship members.
Pte Corrigan (Royal Scots) was the winner last year in 36 mins 4 secs. But record time was established by Bugler White (Somerset Light Infantry) in the 1930 race when he returned in 33 mins 25 secs.
The race is being run under the auspices of the St Andrew's Club.

To-day's Matches

Matches to-day are:
OPEN SINGLES
C. S. Lee v. A. Crawford
S. T. Chau v. Wei Chung
OPEN DOUBLES
B. & I. Agafuroff v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. McDougall.
M. Fagh and Shields Goodman v. Ho Ka-cho and K. H. Yip.
J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v. I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.

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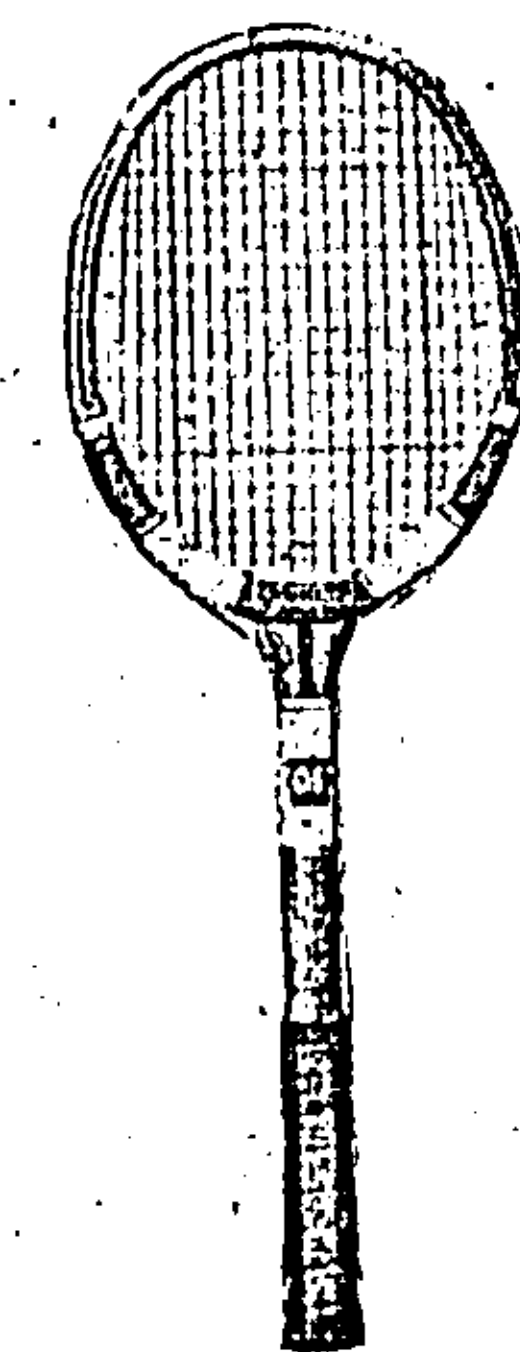


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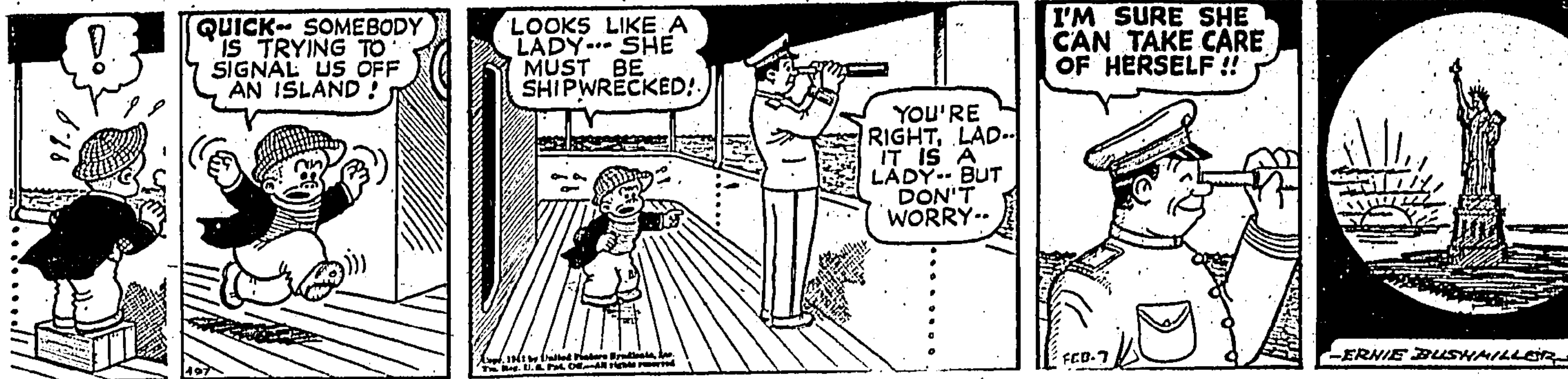
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Special to the "Telegraph"

ABOARD U.S.S. BENSON, Mar. 27 (UP).—President Roosevelt, aboard the Presidential yacht Patomac which is cruising in Florida waters, has signed the \$7,000,000 bill which will start a flow of war planes, ships, tanks, food and other materials to Britain and her Allies.

A military plane brought the bill to the yacht from Washington just before noon today. The President's signature on the bill has released funds for a gigantic arms programme to transform the United States into an "arsenal for democracy."

Defence officials are already working on schedules envisaging the production of 80,000 planes by the summer of 1943 and also the production of fleets of merchant ships and armaments, the quantity of which has exceeded the imagination of only a few months ago.

The Administration is arranging to create an over-all clearing house to handle the vast arms program. The Office of Production Management announced that the joint programme already totals \$39,177,800,000 while Britain has already placed \$5,511,000,000 worth of war orders in the United States. It is expected that when the programme is fully underway within a few months, it will be producing war equipment twice as fast as Germany and will be employing 5,000,000 more men within one year.

Possible First Action

The inter-Departmental group which is charged with the general direction of the Lend and Lease Bill are Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State; Colonel Henry Stimson, Secretary of War; Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy; Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Harry Hopkins. Perhaps the first action under the measure will be the repairing of British warships in American navy yards for which \$200,000,000 has been provided. There are numerous recent reports that British war craft are nearing the Atlantic coast in order to take advantage of such provisions. It is understood that Britain has been promised 400 merchant ships under the \$521,000,000 appropriation for building vessels of all types.

Yugo-Slavs Shut Varda Valley Path To Greece

(BY "REUTERS" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 27.—The revolt of the Yugo-Slav people and armed forces under their young King against Nazi domination and their own quislings will have a profound effect on the military situation.

Nazi forces cannot use Yugo-Slavia as a base for attacking Greece down the Varda Valley and this passage now lies to deal with unless they are prepared to fight for it.

That the fighting will be severe and that the German casualties will be heavy if they attempt to force that Valley is certain.

Nazi Problem

The Yugo-Slav soldiers are brave and the country most difficult, lending itself to defensive operations. The situation which the Nazi General Staff now have to deal with is either to carry through an attack on a very restricted front against Greece down the Struma Valley, with a subsidiary advance perhaps down the Mesta Valley, or bring up considerably larger forces for a simultaneous attack on Yugo-Slavia as well.

This would put a strain on German resources and moreover there is no certainty of success. The first result of the new situation in Yugo-Slavia will probably be to delay for several weeks at least any German move in the Balkans.

Figures Of Momentous Battle Of 84 Days Fought By R.A.F.

London, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The story of the most momentous battle in the history of mankind when for 84 days the Germans tried all they knew to carry out their avowed object of ending the war within a few months—is told officially for the first time in a pamphlet issued today by the Air Ministry.

The fateful period was August 8 to October 31 last and the full story has amplified and corroborated Mr. Churchill's famous testimony to the R.A.F.: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed to so few by so many."

In contrast to all previous major world conflicts with the roar of guns, flash of shells, fountains of erupting earth, in this battle the only outward sign was a pattern of white vapour trails, four, five and sometimes six miles above the ground by aircraft flying over 300 miles an hour.

They were like diamond specks in the sunlight while the population continued their normal activities, ignorant of the issues being decided above.

In a few days, the southern towns of England and the capital of the Empire itself were to suffer the fate of Warsaw and Rotterdam, and the war was to have been ended. How the plan of daylight conquest was frustrated and the enemy took to the cover of the night before the dawn of the spongy is told statistically.

At the outset, the Germans sank five ships and damaged five more sailing in coastal convoys. In London, they did considerable damage to the docks, various famous buildings and destroyed some thousands of houses.

Civilian Victims

During the daylight phase, they killed 1,700 persons, nearly all civilians, and seriously wounded 3,300. At night, 12,581 were killed and 10,989 were injured, but at the end of 84 days (compared with 37 days the Germans took to over-run the Netherlands, Belgium and France), they had not only failed to destroy the R.A.F. fighter squadrons (which were actually stronger at the end of the battle than at the beginning), but their failure meant the defeat of the formidable Luftwaffe and of the carefully-designed strategic plan on which Hitler had set his mind—invasion of Britain.

Luftwaffe Pays

The Luftwaffe, which as Dr. Goebbels said on the eve of battle, had "prepared the final conquest of the last enemy, England," did its utmost and paid very heavily for the attempt. In these 84 days, 2,375 German aircraft were destroyed in daylight, 10,989 were injured, but at the end of 84 days, 2,375 German aircraft were destroyed in daylight.

This figure, takes no account of those destroyed at night or those seen by thousands staggering back to their bases.

This, however, was not achieved without cost and it is now announced that the R.A.F. lost 375 pilots killed and 358 wounded during the same period.

Browder Starts Term

New York, Mar. 26. Mr. Earl Browder, ex-Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States, entrained today for Atlanta, Georgia, to begin serving four years in the Federal Penitentiary for passport frauds.—United Press.

Envoy Predicts Total Victory for Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 27 (UP).—Speaking at a luncheon given by the British Employers Confederation today, Mr. John Winant, the American Ambassador said he was of the opinion that under Mr. Churchill's leadership, Britain will win a total victory.

"Strength of understanding and leadership is making itself felt more and more day by day. It has already enabled you to resist what no slave or regimented people could ever resist. It will bring you total victory."

In reply, Mr. Churchill expressed his pleasure at Mr. Winant's presence in Britain, saying, "It gives us the feeling that all of President Roosevelt's men give, that they would be shot dead rather than see this cause let down."

Mr. Churchill also expressed his belief that Yugo-Slavia would repudiate the Axis pact and defend the honour of her frontiers against aggression, "I do not know what will happen, and one cannot be sure of anything, but I believe it reasonable to expect that we shall have a Government in Yugo-Slavia which will repudiate the pact which was signed the day before yesterday, and will be ready to defend the honour of her frontiers against aggression," he declared.

Promises All Aid

Continuing his speech at the luncheon given to Mr. John Winant, Mr. Churchill re-pledged all aid to Yugo-Slavia and said that "if the Turks are attacked, we will give all the aid we can." This caused the gathering to rise and cheer and clap for a full minute. Mr. Churchill was pale but smiling.

Mr. Churchill admitted that he had always been a bit shy at defining Britain's war aims, but he was of the opinion that if the Democracies emerge victorious, there will "then be an electric atmosphere in the world which may render possible an advance towards greater and broader social unity and justice than could otherwise have been achieved in peace time in score of years."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,747,581.22 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations: "Duck" on Feb. 9 and March 26, \$ 10; Talkoo, who Lovers Bowlers in (List of Bowls Prizes), 130; H. E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, 1,000; In memory of the late Mrs. Comrade (A.I.P. Trismahsui "A") Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation), 16.50; Mercantile Marine Office (Bomb) 3.22; Dan (second donation) 10; The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British Prisoners of War Relief Fund—Dan, \$10.

Southward Expansion Bases

Formosa And Hainan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TAIPEI, Mar. 27 (Dome).—The development of Hainan Island might be easier than that of Formosa, Mr. Naoiki Hoshino, Minister without Portfolio and Governor of the Planning Board, declared to the Press today.

"It is most important now to develop Formosa as the base for southward developments," Mr. Hoshino said. "Hainan Island is to be developed from now on but utilizing past experiences in the development of Formosa as the only base of Japan in the South, the development of Hainan Island might be easier than that of Formosa. It is my impression that the development of the South might be comparatively easy."

Mr. Hoshino arrived here from Canton on March 20 by air after inspecting South China and he has since inspected Takao and other parts of Formosa.

R.A.F. Harry Italians

South Africans Bring Down Two Fighters

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—British and South African warplanes are continuing to harry the Italians in East Africa.

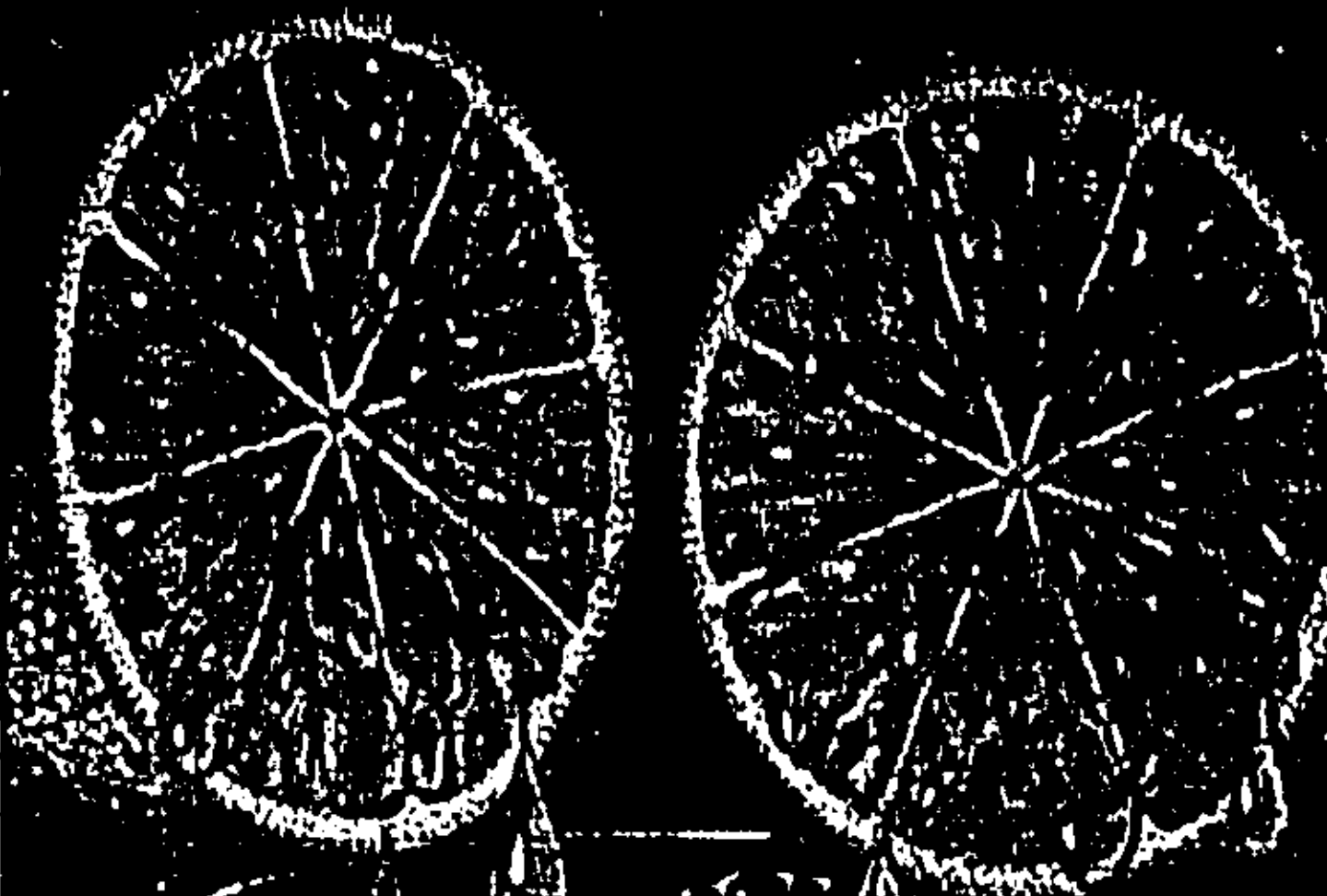
R.A.F. and South African bombers severely attacked the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway again yesterday, says an R.A.F. communique, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged enemy motor transport near Gondar.

Enemy positions in the hills around Kerchi were again heavily and frequently bombed.

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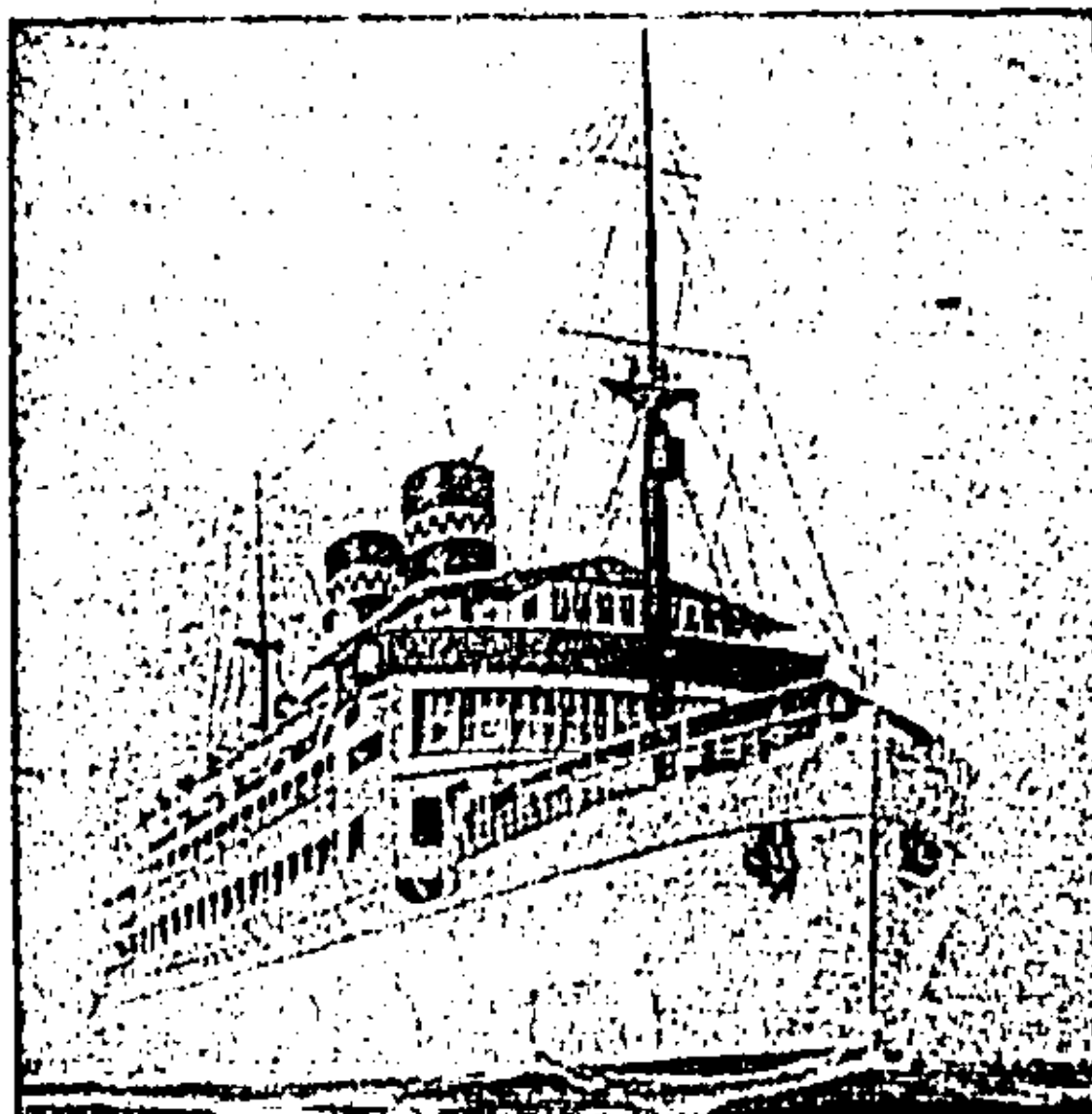
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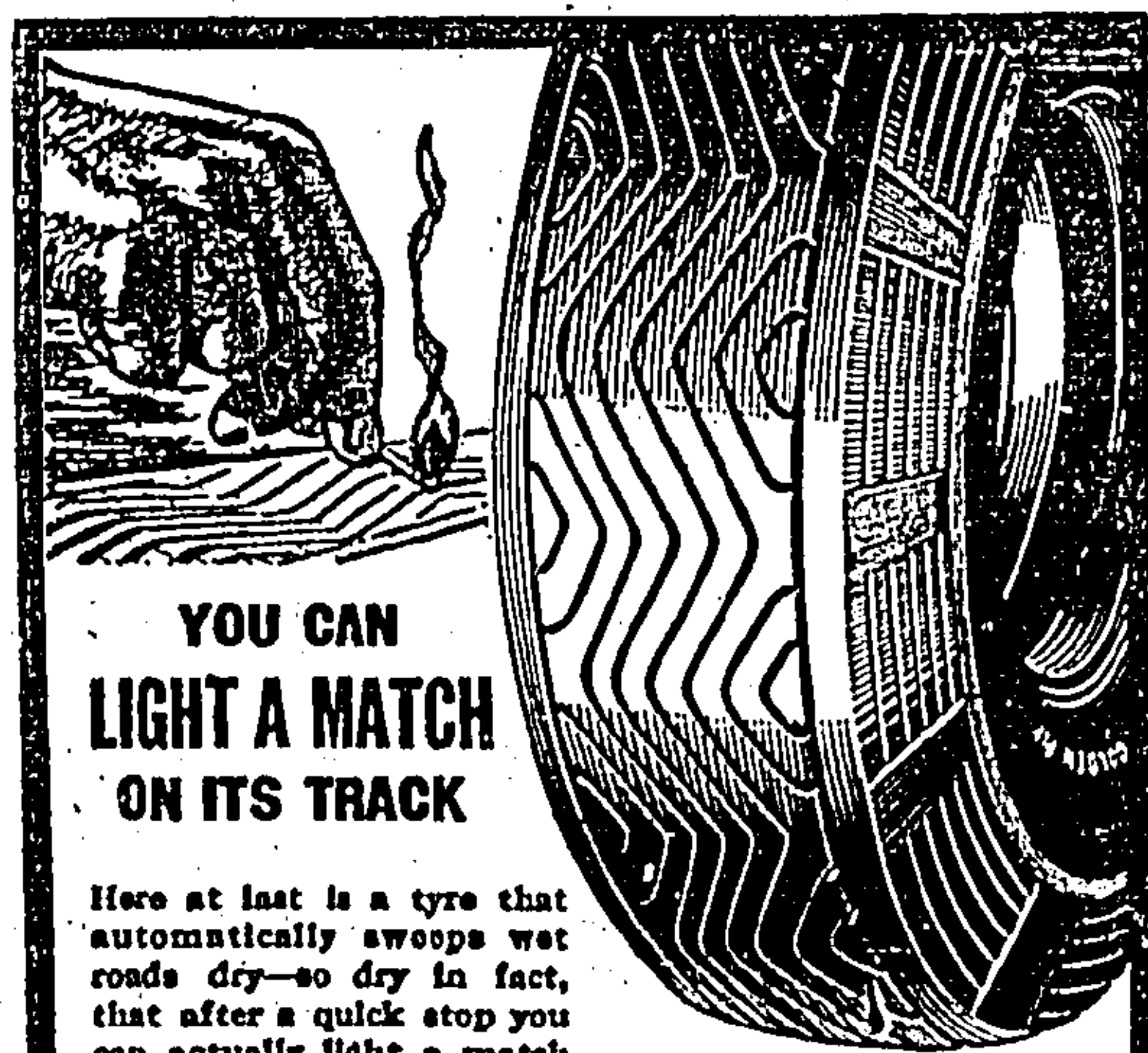
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Why China Will Never Be Defeated By Japan

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—"The Times" publishes a special article entitled "Chiang Kai-shek's Resistance." It reads as under.

There is much speculation in China about the Japanese Foreign Minister's missions in Moscow and Berlin. It is generally believed that Mr. Matsuo will aim at clinching a trade agreement with Soviet Russia which will be hailed as the first diplomatic triumph of his round trip and a step towards a larger and more comprehensive political agreement, a pact of non-aggression.

Whatever the actual value of such a pact, its signature would enable Japan to release the major part of her Kwantung Army of some 300,000 troops now tied up in Manchuria, for her southward drive. Moscow will be pressed to stop sending supplies to China.

The recent dispute between Chiang Kai-shek and Chinese Communists which led to disciplinary action by General Chiang Kai-shek against the Fourth Army operating as guerrillas in the central provinces and which has caused so much wishful thinking in Tokyo on the possibilities of a break-up of Nationalist China, will undoubtedly be played up.

In Berlin, it is believed, Mr. Matsuo wishes to discover for himself whether the chances of an Axis victory, now that the Lense and Lend Bill has opened the floodgates of American supplies to Britain, still remain as good as they seemed last autumn. If he is satisfied about this, the timing of Japan's southward advance concurrently with Hitler's proclaimed offensive will be fixed. This will involve technical collaboration to overcome the tremendous odds arising out of the geographical distance between the Axis Powers and Japan and to ward off intervention by the United States in the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Share-Out of Booty

Finally some agreement for a share-out of the Asiatic booty will not be excluded.

If, on the other hand, an Axis victory is found doubtful, Mr. Matsuo will have no wish to repeat Mussolini's blunders by burning his fingers and staking his Empire. He might consequently intimate to London and Washington that Japan would be prepared to detach herself from the Triple Alliance at no cost to the Allies and the United States but at some cost to China.

In short, Mr. Matsuo is determined to make the Tripartite Pact, which has given a one-sided advantage to the Axis, yield one way or another equal advantage for Japan.

The question arises, if Japan should attack Singapore and the Dutch East Indies, would China seize the opportunity to make peace. The answer is emphatically no. In Chinese eyes, the Japanese southward drive is regarded as a mere diversion. It does nothing to eliminate the permanent Japanese menace to China.

Economic Bloc

Tokyo calculates that the two countries would form a large economic bloc which could be more easily defended strategically than a long chain of islands scattered over thousands of miles stretching from the tip of Kamchatka in the north to Port Darwin in the south. The millions of square miles of rich Chinese soil would provide Japan with food and materials. The total of 450,000,000 Chinese subjects would be exploited and harnessed to Japanese industry. Conqueror China would be market of immense possibilities for Japanese goods and investment.

Cold Storage

The southward drive is therefore an attempt to put China into temporary cold storage. On the other hand, the conquest of Indo-China, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies would give Japan fresh strength to renew her attack on the mainland when she has finished her job in the south.

China would then have become completely isolated. Sitting astride Indo-China and Thailand, the Japanese would cut off the Burma Road and bar the way to Australian reinforcements to the Middle East. The situation in the Indian Ocean, which directly affects Suez and the Mediterranean, would have been rendered impossible for Britain as well as China.

The Burma Road is China's main artery for foreign supplies and for exports to the outside world. Singapore is the bastion of Burma.

Another little known but important economic factor involved is the threat to China's invisible exports. There are roughly 8,000,000 Chinese overseas, living in Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. Their latent China-waiting for reconstruction and the industrialisation of Free China has reached enormous proportions—approximately \$800,000,000. Their gifts towards the relief of distress at home have enabled the Government to release funds earmarked for relief and for purchase of supplies estimated at one quarter of China's total war expenditure.

Eviction of Chinese

Japanese conquest or control of these regions would result in the wholesale eviction of Chinese residents and seizure of their property, putting a stop to this steady flow of revenues and supply of foreign currency into China.

There are also moral factors at stake. China is committed to the policy of united resistance till victory is won at whatever cost. She is fighting not only for her existence but also against the rule of force in defence of law and order.

President Roosevelt in his latest speech said that obedience could be enforced but loyalty was different. "It springs from a mind that is given facts and that retains ancient ideals. That is true in England, Greece, China and the United States."

Capacity for Realism

To the Chinese capacity for dealing with facts to a sort of smiling realism which has always been a part of their philosophy—has been added, under Japanese pressure, a new ideal of

military efficiency. The Chinese had a long tradition of contempt for soldiers and there was a total absence of modern training. But they raised an army of 3,000,000, parts of which have proved competent guerrilla fighters; they have created an arms industry and they have found an outstanding commander in General Chiang Kai-shek and several good Army generals.

The Japanese Imperial Army was promised an excursion which would last three months and which, still called not a war but an "incident," has been struggling vainly in China for more than three and a half years.

When Hankow fell, the military phase of Japanese conquest came to an end. A war of waiting and attrition began. The mere bulk of China is a powerful shock-breaker, capable of absorbing the most violent Japanese blitzkrieg. Her immense manpower and inexhaustible natural resources have been so mobilised as to produce the most astounding results. Her ancient history and culture have endowed her leader and people with courage, resource and vision. Increasing aid from Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union is strengthening her defences. China can afford to wait.

Chiang Is Sure

The Generalissimo is as convinced as ever that Prince Kponoye can never succeed in beating China to her knees.

When Nanning fell, China was alone, facing a most acute crisis. Yet Dr. Trautmann, the Nazi Ambassador, failed to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to make peace. A second German attempt at mediation to-day would be foredoomed to failure.

The Japanese make no disguise of the misgiving with which they view the war outcome. Prince Kponoye, in January, admitted that peace was not in sight. General Tanaka in February told the Diet that it was needless to crush the Chungking regime by force of arms but it was essential to develop economically the areas already occupied, which could then afford to ignore the Chungking regime.

Japan still has perhaps 1,000,000 soldiers engaged on the mainland and has suffered probably as many more casualties. Her armies live largely off the country. In 1940 they were said to be extracting 60 per cent of their rice from China, paying the Chinese in yen notes which buy nothing, and causing starvation in the occupied areas.

Japan's Heavy Strain

Japan has also increased her wool, salt and coal imports from China. Even this cutting of burdens leaves a heavy strain and with the decline of three-fourths in cotton exports from China to Japan, caused by the Japanese Army control of trade and refusals to pay an economic price, co-operation with the occupied areas does not promise to cover the war costs.

China has of course suffered immeasurably more than Japan from the war. The war devastation and the deliberate depredations of the Japanese Army have wrecked the wealth of the coastal and central provinces. It is typical that the puppet government of Wang Ching-wei at Nanking derives its revenues largely from the drug traffic run by the invading army although that faction occupies what used to be the richest provinces.

The Chinese retreat to the interior was doubled by cultural and industrial migration. The removal of students to the interior preserved continuity in education. From their distant reformed colleges, men have gone out to staff the administration. It might be said that the students had to leave suddenly, but they had then if the Japanese caught them. But that was untrue of craftsmen and mechanics who moved and took their tools with them. Seventy machine-workers of Ningpo pulled 200 tons of machinery in hand carts over the hills to Chekiang. They struggled on for months, frequently bombed from the air, but at last reached the spot where they could set their machines up again.

Tough People

It is bodies which are as tough as these, which form the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives of which there are some 20,000 of various sizes. These forms of patriotism are a new phenomenon in the land. No doubt the vast size of the country which renders total military occupation impossible has helped, also has the immensity of the population, which can spare millions of men for the army and millions more for industry.

These are the moral, strategic, political and economic factors involved. "China will not yield to threats or be ensnared by treacherous peace offers. The indomitable spirit of revolutionary China knows no defeat," Chiang Kai-shek has said.

It is well that this plain truth is brought out to be borne in mind. Nazi agents in Chungking have emphasised that Germany has not yet recognised Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime in Nanking—to the intense displeasure of Japan—because Hitler has no intention of handing over the country to Japan, but they have also hinted at the wisdom of losing a limb rather than life. These tricks will not succeed: China will not be per-

suaded or be expected to make peace to enable her enemy to concentrate all her forces in an attack in the South Seas. Inasmuch as China is prepared to play her full part in the war, it must be made plain that no attempt by Mr. Matsuo to detach Japan from the Axis at the expense of China could succeed.

China Coast Shipping Answers

LONDON, Mar. 27 (British Wire- less).—Answering a House of Commons question regarding facilities allowed British shipping at Chinese coastal ports in Japanese occupation, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, said, "At Shanghai there is no interference with British shipping. At Tientsin the situation is, generally speaking, satisfactory. At Chefoo conditions are on the whole worse than in 1937 but there has been no discrimination for the past 18 months in which period working conditions have remained the same. At Tsingtao additional wharves are still available and improved conditions continue but British shipping is still at a disadvantage. At Canton weekly sailings under agreement with the Japanese are at present suspended by mutual agreement but negotiations are still proceeding."

IDLE SHIPPING IN AMERICA Is Needed Badly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (UP).—It is understood that the Government is seeking to obtain more bottoms to alleviate the shipping shortage in Central and South America.

Government is seriously considering the precedent set by Chile and Peru, in taking over idle Danish ships in their harbour. It is also understood that the Government originally hoped it might settle the matter on a purely Danish basis and named the United States Lines as a Corporation which might work out an arrangement with the owners of the Danish ships whereby the ships might be sold or chartered.

Latin American diplomats are daily visiting the State Department, the Maritime Commission and various defence bodies urging them to act to relieve the situation.

A. S. P. Stops Motorist Sports Car Complex

E. F. A. Morgan, of No. 89 Waterloo Road was fined \$20 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy this morning for driving his car at a speed of 45 m.p.h. in a built-up area where the maximum speed is 25 m.p.h. Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Assistant Superintendent of Police was Complainant.

Mr. Luscombe said that he was driving his car along Hennessy Road about 9.25 p.m. on March 15. Defendant's car was in front of his. As he was about to pass, Defendant accelerated and both cars were travelling abreast along Hennessy Road at about 45 m.p.h. Witness said that Defendant refused to allow him to pass and he had to pull his car in front of Defendant in order to stop him.

Superintendent Luscombe said he formed the opinion that Defendant was one of those persons who resented anyone passing them just because they owned a sports car. Finding guilty, Defendant in mitigation referred to extenuating circumstances. He said that the circumstances were so extenuating that he thought of bringing a counter-claim.

Defendant said that he was travelling along Hennessy Road about 20 m.p.h. He said that Complainant in trying to overtake him had himself exceeded the speed limit, and added that he was aggravated by the way Mr. Luscombe had attempted to overtake him.

Mr. Sheldon said he could not accept Defendant's extenuating circumstances and imposed the fine.

Without License

Gunner W. Wren, of Cape D'Aguilar, pleaded guilty to driving a car in Shaukiwan Road without a licence and was fined \$10 by Mr. Sheldon.

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Royal Engineers

1st Innings—145 (Bailey 40, Tropp 35, Dixon 7 for 41).
2nd Innings—64 (Ratcliffe 37, Dewar 5 for 22, Murphy 4 for 30).
Small Units
1st Innings—65 (Coombes 23, Denyer 5 for 20, Tropp 3 for 14, Megson 2 for 10).
2nd Innings—79 (Logan 24, Megson 9 for 25).

Next Week's Tennis Schedule

MONDAY

Singles—Ping Oi-lam v. S. T. Chau or Wei Chung; George Chua v. T. J. Gould; D. Umetani v. M. Fagh.
Doubles—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher; Club Championship—T. A. Pearce v. G. H. B. Oxinde.

TUESDAY

Singles—S. A. Runjahn v. Shields Goodman; Tsui Wai-pui v. K. H. Yip.

WEDNESDAY

Doubles—J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skelwith v. I. M. A. Huzack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Runjahn; Club Championship—G. W. Sewell v. T. A. Pearce or C. H. B. Oxinde; H. E. Guest v. J. Stirling Lee; T. J. Gould v. M. Fagh.

THURSDAY

Singles, Paul Kong v. Tsui Wai-pui.

FRIDAY

Singles—C. B. Lee or A. Crawford v. George Chua or T. J. Gould; I. M. A. Huzack v. S. A. Runjahn or Shields Goodman; O. Umetani or M. Fagh v. H. D. Runjahn.

GERMANS AROUSE BITTER FEELING

Letter From London

The following letter, lately received by a Hongkong resident from London, tells of the bitter feelings—so foreign to the British people—aroused by the Nazi air raids. The writer, who was associated for two years with the design of the Spitfire fighter plane, states that there is absolutely no comparison between the R.A.F. and the Germans, either in skill or in the quality of planes.

Life in London for me now consists of:—Work 12 hours, food and relaxation 4 hours, air raid 8 hours, total 24 hours, the letter begins.

Five weeks ago I got a technical job in the "Ministry in London. I look out of a delightful sitting room on a delightful "period" street, "Gayton Street" off Smith Square, Westminster. The houses are sixteenth and seventeenth Century, and some almost Venetian in architecture, or worse!

The Nazi vandals visited us last Saturday—two H. E. bombs in the street in front of my house, one behind, all within fifty paces. It is a particularly horrible experience at this time—first one hears this very odd noise like falling rain—then a shriek like a rocket which rises at this distance to a tremendous roar—then a noise like crumpling brown paper—and then an explosion and concussion which beggars description—then an age while the debris rains down. The windows cave in and the doors are torn off their hinges; there is a filthy smell of burnt explosive and—the dust—it's unbelievable.

"Things To Come" We lay, fortunately, in the basement, and listened to the horror, and when it was all over rushed down the street to a really deep shelter where we ought to have been before. The street was like a scene from "Things To Come." An awful red glare in the sky—a carpet of broken glass—every window pane gutted. The doors hanging drunkenly on their hinges or torn right off—lamp standards twisted like corkscrews—It

seemed incredible that any one could live through it.

Well, you will have known long before you read this, how this has been happening all over London. The reaction is curious—one is afraid, yes—but how one has learned to hate. I looked at poor little "Gayton Street" and old Smith Square with all these priceless gems of houses torn and shattered, and I swore that no treatment is too bad for the accursed German race—one feels that if one saw one now, one's only desire would be to destroy or at least to prevent him procreating another generation of his beastly countrymen.

Much Mistaken

If they think, with their typical misconception of British psychology, that they'll get anywhere by this, they're much mistaken. You've no idea of the bitterness of the passion they're aroused—so foreign to the British race. I think the women would get at them with kitchen knives if they got into London. The heroism and courage of the people have been marvellous—I could spend the remainder of this letter telling you the stories I heard from one doctor alone, who had been operating on casualties for ten hours.

Sir Echo

I'm afraid this letter will weary you, but I so much want to impress you with the fact that this city and the whole country are implacably and fiercely resolved to see this monstrous regime in Hell where it was bred. As for the Italian—little Sir Echo is Mussolini's name in London. There is absolutely no comparison between the R.A.F. and their opponents in skill, nor is there in the quality of the planes. I feel more proud to think that I was associated for two years with the design of the Spitfire.

Well, I must stop, writing is difficult under these conditions—so also is sleep—but you've no idea now quickly one can do without a bed.

Club's Final Rugby Match

The last game of the Hongkong Football Club Rugby Section's season will take place at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow on the Club ground, when the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will meet the rest of the Club. The Bank fifteen will be: F. M. Thompson, L. J. A. Felden, D. G. Dill, M. G. Carruthers and E. A. Matthews; G. G. Aitkenhead and G. T. Harrington; J. S. Lee, J. S. Dunnett, E. A. Bompas, A. G. Gardner, A. M. Kennedy (Capt.), M. P. L. Haynes, K. A. Watson and L. M. Wylie.

Northumberland & Durham Assn Bowls Rinks

The following have been selected to represent the Northumberland and Durham Association in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's greens, Cox's Road, on Sunday at 2.45 p.m.:

W. G. R. Conley, A. D. Spoor, C. Gowland, F. M. Skelton, J. G. R. Humble, R. A. Radford, J. Smith, T. Coleman (Skip), C. Henderson, D. Kewick, J. F. MacGowan, J. V. Ramsey (Skip), E. Purvis, C. E. Turpin, S. Hodge, T. W. Carr (Skip).

Reserves:—E. L. Stirling, W. Barkus, G. E. Cross. Players unable to turn out should please communicate with Mr. T. W. Carr, c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, or Telephone 39/282 as early as possible. It is hoped to arrange further rinks on the spot, and all members of the Association who wish to play will be assured of a game if they turn up.

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Fatshan H'cap

(First Section)

Short Scramble For Novice Jockeys

FLAT HANDICAP racing really begins to-morrow with the Fatshan Handicap (First Section) for "C" class China ponies, because from now until the end of the season the open races on the basis of weight for inches as per scale will be in the minority.

This race will be ridden by novices and anything may happen in a scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards). There are seven ponies recently demoted from a higher standard and the top weight for the Fatshan Handicap (first section) is shared by Jennifer, Jober and Thirty Six.

The last named is my fancy, because the jockey Mr. Ho Hong-ping has ridden the chestnut twice at the big meeting and the mare was well up on both occasions. This alone should justify one's confidence.

Not Satisfactory

JENNIFER will be the mount of Mr. Coppin, but her canter of Wednesday last did not please me at all. Jober's gallop in the same morning was not superior, and I have not been able to ascertain who is going to pilot the Marber's candidate.

Lancashire Lass was out very early, but the grey finished the last hundred yards like a sampan tossing over the white horses in the harbour. Blue Diamond with Mr. S. W. Lee may spring a surprise.

Since writing the above it is learned that Mr. Ho Hong-ping has been operated on for appendicitis and Mr. W. Yui will be riding Thirty Six.

G.A. Goodban Three Short Of Century

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL beat H.M.S. Tamar by 67 runs in a friendly game of cricket yesterday. Outstanding innings was that of G. A. Goodban, Headmaster of the School, who fell three runs short of scoring a century. His knock included 13 boundaries.

Scores were: School—107 (G. A. Goodban 97, A. J. Hulse 38, West 4 for 55). Tamar—120 (Boyes 27, Wilson 25 not out, Ebrahim 4 for 43).

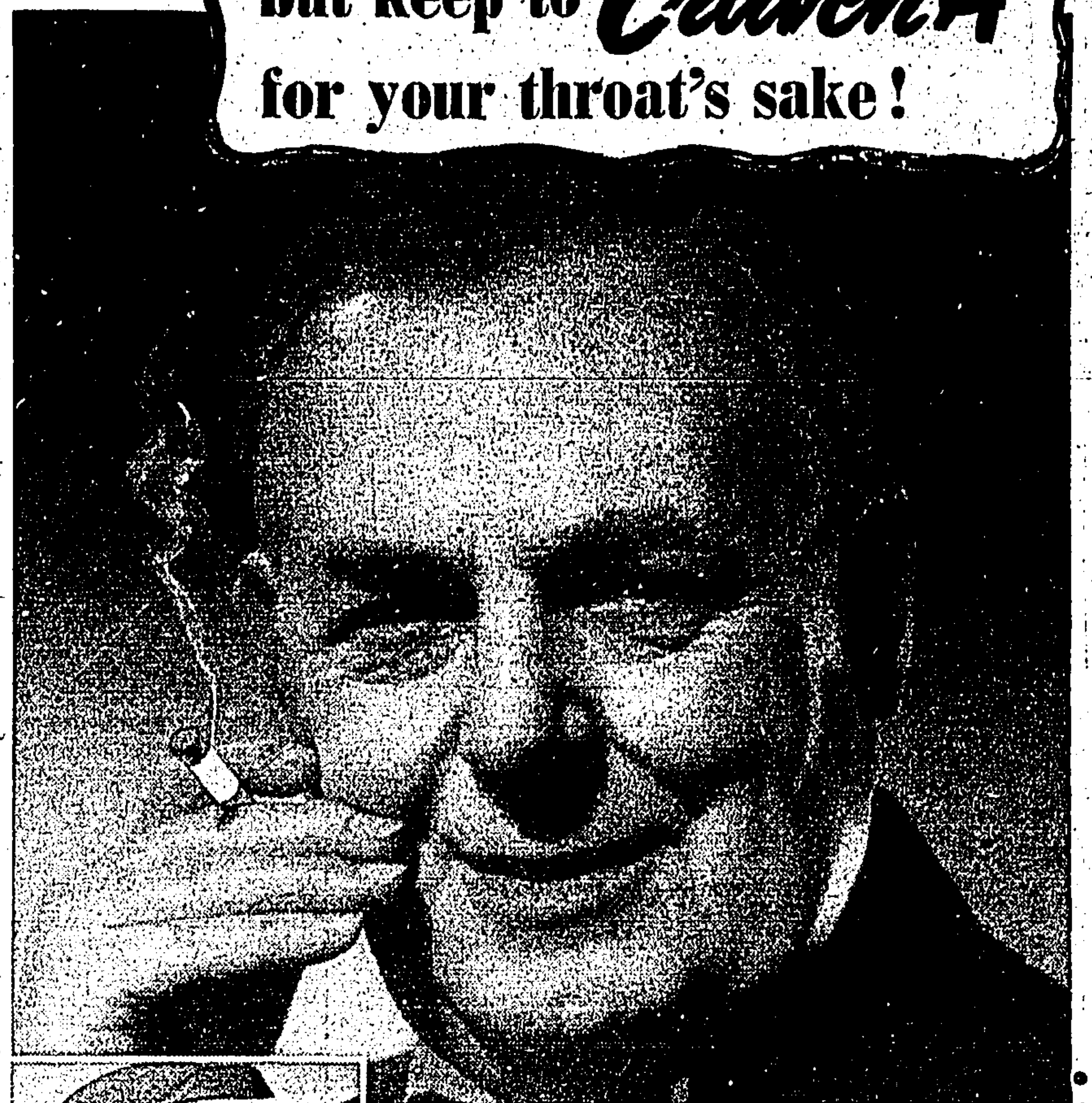
FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday OLD COURSE
9.16 R. Forrest, R. Young.
9.20 P. A. Cox, A. W. Bourne.
9.24 W. H. Belsley, F. A. Howard.
9.28 E. G. Price, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.32 H. S. Jones, W. T. Dow.
9.36 J. H. Groome, R. Groome.
9.40 I. H. Geare, I. W. Shewan.
9.44 W. Woodward, J. Harrop.
9.48 R. H. Davies, Capt. Thursby.
9.52 L. M. S. Lloyd, R. L. Jones.
9.56 M. G. Carruthers, D. S. Robb.
10.00 P. V. McLane, P. E. Annis.
10.04 C. W. S. Bishop, A. B. Purves.
10.08 R. H. Griffiths, H. W. Dulle.
10.12 K. Mackenzie, T. Megarry.
10.16 A. H. Guinness, D. D. Forbes.
10.20 Col. Rose, J. A. Parrish.
10.24 K. Mackenzie, G. M. Park.
10.28 N. C. McLeod, M. J. Reddy.
10.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 J. G. Jensen, Major Alley.
10.40 R. de W. Waller, Lieut. Wyde.
NEW COURSE
9.24 K. S. Morrison, T. E. Pearce.
9.28 A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
9.30 A. M. Mack, G. G. Aitkenhead.
9.34 W. N. A. Smalley, A. D. Humphreys.
9.38 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Humphreys.
9.40 Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett.
9.42 J. F. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.
9.46 J. P. Sherry, H. A. Mills.

Yaumati School Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of the Yaumati Government School will be held from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, March 31. The prizes will be presented by Mrs. H. S. Mok.

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troops, admirably supported by the R.A.F., have again defeated a numerically superior enemy force and occupied Keren.

"Abyssinia: Harar is in our hands."

Tons of Bombs Dropped
CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuters).—An R.A.F. communiqué states that 120 tons of bombs were dropped on Keren by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days.

Enemy Fought Well
(By "REUTERS" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 27.—Italy's African Empire is now in the hands of General Sir Archibald Wavell and, with the fall of Keren, he is free to fight another enemy.

The Italians fought at Keren as they had never fought before in the history of their race. They fought superbly—and now they have been beaten only because of the outstandingly brilliant tactics of the British General.

General Wavell did an astonishing thing. After his capture of Sidi Barrani on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, he diverted two forces which had captured this place, one of which was entirely Indian, southwards to the Sudan. Their task was to undertake operations from Kassala on the Eritrean border from where the attack on Keren really began.

Few commanders have ever risked such an operation with a distance to traverse in between of more than 1,000 miles over desert country.

Oldest Italian Colony

The Headquarters of Mussolini's oldest Colony is in British hands with the fall of Keren. The British forces found this mountain fortress one of the toughest obstacles in the whole campaign against East Africa. It was the last barrier to the key base of Asmara, the Eritrean capital, 75 miles along the railway to the east end of Massawa, a valuable Eritrean port. Keren has been the only vital Italian position to make any stand against the swift hammerlike blows of the British Imperial forces in Africa.

For weeks the armies of the Sudan prepared, waiting on the last stretch of the Eritrean plain with an apparently insurmountable obstacle before them. A ridge of solid rock 1,000 feet high confronted them. The ridge whose sheer precipices offered magnificent defence positions is crowned by a series of arrow head peaks. Military experts recognised Keren as one of the most naturally impregnable fortresses of the war.

Formidable Ordnance

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuters).—Italy's most formidable ordnance guarded every summit at Keren; machinegun nests abounded and strong points were cunningly arranged.

A military spokesman said tonight that one-third of the forces in Mussolini's East African empire—consisting of some 50,000 troops—were estimated to be defending Keren. Their defeat might well lead to the general crumbling of the remainder of the forces at the disposal of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia.

The fall of Keren, added the spokesman, would be a tremendous blow to Italian prestige and morale. It would be possible to defend equally formidable peaks every five miles between Keren and Addis Ababa but this was unlikely since Keren had been Italy's showplace. Hopes were now running high in Cairo that Mussolini's battered armies would be unable to hold out until the rains.

Little More Resistance

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuters).—Asmara, and its chief seaport, Massawa, are not likely to put up any serious resistance to the British Army.

The Duke of Aosta has been concentrating all his available strength in the defence of two points—Addis Ababa in Abyssinia and Keren in Eritrea. Asmara and Massawa will probably meet the same fate as Keren in a matter of days whereas the capture of Keren has taken weeks.

The capture of Harar is very important as it threatens the last link between Addis Ababa and the sea at Djibuti, the subjection of which need not be hurried and can be left largely to the Abyssinian patriots.

The end of the campaign in Eritrea, however, will release large Imperial forces at a moment when they will be doubly precious in other spheres of the Near East. Incidentally there should be considerable war

material awaiting harvest at Massawa.

Wings Over Keren

CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuters).—Enemy positions in the hills around Keren had been heavily and persistently bombed, nearly 40 tons of bombs being dropped during the last four days and more than 120 tons in the last 12 days.

Our aircraft have been over the target most days from morning till night.

Fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force units have also been active in the area and yesterday, not many hours before the town fell, two of them engaged and destroyed two Fiat fighters.

The Air Force's contribution to the successful operations against Keren is remarkable as the town itself is surrounded by tiers of mountains between 6,000 and 7,000 feet high and it was amongst these that our aircraft had to seek out and destroy enemy positions.

LATE NEWS

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Mussolini Forfeits A Colony

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railway with Massawa on the Red Sea.

The next British advance is expected to follow this valley route, the drive being aimed at the occupation of the whole of northern Eritrea—politically and economically the most important part of the country.

Military quarters warn, however, that the speed of the British advance in this sector is likely to be slower than the British columns operating in Abyssinia, owing to the exceptionally difficult terrain.

Although it is impossible to estimate the strength of the Italian forces in the Keren-Asmara-Massawa region, it is not likely to exceed 50,000.

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